



The Grapevine

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Missions Ministry Team Program Report

Hello Family,

On behalf of the Missions Ministry Team, I'd like to take this opportunity to report to all of you on one of our Programs. Back in early June the Session accepted the team's report and recommendation on the Back-Pack Program and gave us authorization to move forward with that program.

Living in Mt. Airy or the surrounding area of Surry County, I'm sure that many of you are aware of a program that has been implemented in several schools that is a supplement to the School Lunch Program for Students in Need. The name is slightly different in each school, but the most common is The Back-Pack Program. For those of you who may not be familiar with these programs, their purpose is to ensure that students who receive assistance with the purchase of their lunch each day at school will also have meals over the weekend. To this end, the school staff packs up a tote bag (back pack) for each of those students on Friday afternoon and they are handed out at the end of the day. Each school program is funded through donations; some by local businesses and others by individuals in the community as well as school staff.

Your current Missions Ministry Team was formed this past December, and we began our service with a series of meetings aimed at establishing our mission and charter. From the very beginning, doing something to alleviate hunger and need in our area was uppermost on our "to do list". When we learned that some schools were still in the early or start-up stages of their programs, we saw an opportunity to serve our community on your behalf. During one of our team meetings, our Youth Group representative, Maggie Mills, came up with a wonderful idea for building unity among the Presbyterian churches in our area. As a result of her suggestion, we have joined with Edward Webb and Flat Rock Presbyterian to fund the Dragon Pack Program at Flat Rock Elementary. Pilot Mt. Presbyterian is still working through the approval process and may join our ranks soon.

Our plan is to hold quarterly fundraisers in order to allow the school staff to have a committed source of income that will allow them to maximize their buying power and keep their costs down. We are all very excited to be able to work together to serve our community as a unified team in this way. But most of all, we are happy to help "end hunger now" by serving the young people in this special way. They truly are our future and what better way to help stamp out hunger than by demonstrating to the youth of our community that working together on a program like this is something they should do throughout their lives. Actions do speak louder than words.

We will conduct our first of these quarterly fundraisers during August by conducting a Special Envelope Drive. Envelopes will be made available to all church members and you may drop them in the collection plate during Sunday services or you may mail them directly to the church office. Please help us get this program established and, just as importantly, help us keep it rolling. The children are depending on us and our "partners" are depending on us.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

The Missions Ministry Team

"CJ" Karcanes - Co-Moderator
Libby Pell - Co-Moderator
Ethelene Edwards
Maggie Mills
Bill Rountree
Kathy Moody

Church Financial Update

Total Contributions Received for June/July: (two months combined thru 7.19) \$ 25,627.06
Total Contributions Received for 2009: \$ 124,653.91
2009 Budgeted Pledged & Non-pledged Giving: \$ 248,494.00

Yokefellow Ministry

August Food(s) of the Month:

Peanut Butter,
Crackers

Montreat Youth Conference

Please be in prayer for our Beacons and chaperones as they attend the youth conference, **August 2-8**

Cents-A-Bility Offering

Bring your offering to worship on **Sunday, August 2nd**. Remember - your small part can make such a big difference!

Montreat Commissioning Ceremony August 2—during the 11:00 worship service

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please submit your articles for the September newsletter no later than **Monday, August 24th**. Any items received after this date will be published at a later time.

Session Meeting

We will have our monthly Session meeting on **Sunday, August 2nd** at 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth Ministry Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

6:30 p.m.
Lighthouse

Please make plans to be here as we have a number of items to discuss.

Christian Education Ministry Team Meeting

Monday, August 10

6:30 p.m.
Lighthouse

Please make plans to be here as we have a number of items to discuss.

August Ushers and Lockup

August Head Usher: C. J. Karcanes
August Side Usher: Lee Daniels
August Alternate: Valerie Parker

Flowers for Sunday Worship

August 2 Dave & Julia Ann Banfield
August 9 Open
August 16 Valerie Parker
August 23 Open
August 30 Open

Little Church Volunteers

August 2 Kate Brown & Shelley McCluskey
August 9 Amy Sparks & Mary Glen Hatcher
August 16 Lorie Lindsley & Daniel Hatcher
August 23 Sandy & Nina Bowers
August 30 Legh & Catherine Beal

Worship Nursery Volunteers

August 2 Teresa Bouma
August 9 Gloria King
August 16 Kelly Merritt
August 23 Julia Ann Banfield
August 30 Laura Belk

Dishes, Towels and Other Stuff

If you have taken home any towels from the Fellowship Hall to wash, please bring them back as soon as possible.

There are several dishes in the Fellowship Hall that do not belong to the church. If you are missing any of these items at home, please come by the church and pick yours up.

Bob Chilton Memorial Bible Study

2nd & 4th Wednesdays

8:00 a.m.

Good Life Café

Our Sunday School Program Needs You

Our new Sunday School year will begin in **Sunday, August 30th**. Help us to make this year even more successful.

We need adults who are willing to commit to a minimum of **3 weeks** or a maximum of **6 weeks** to teach one of these fun and exciting classes. If you are willing to share your faith and love of God with our children or would like more information, please call Shasta.

August Birthdays

August 1 Phillip Riekehof
August 3 Ian Robertson, Carl Hollman
August 4 Mark Brown, Barbara Lane, Randy Keith
August 5 Emily Taylor
August 6 Nelson Clark
August 7 Tom Botkin
August 8 Jean Cook, Diana Gwyn, Steven Harrelson
August 9 Helen Andrews, Jackson Smith
August 11 Janice Younger, Karen Barnett
August 13 Lee Ann Snyder, Margaret Shepherd
August 14 Mary Botkin, Jim Pell III

August 17 Lauren Wood, Taylor Gwyn
August 20 Andrew Stroupe
August 21 Bob Keck
August 23 John Malone
August 24 Steve Yokeley
August 25 Margaret Cockerell, Margaret Frye
August 26 Grey Boyles, Gloria King
August 27 Maggie McKee, Robert McKee
August 28 Tarona Hollingsworth
August 31 Jack McCluskey

August Anniversaries

August 1
Joe and Anne Pike

August 7
Donnie and Dana Johnson

August 8
Ken and Susan Gitt

August 17
Floyd and Marjorie Rees

August 17
Hampton and Heather Hatcher

August 28
Jimmie and Sarah Scott

August 30
Jim and Libby Pell