

# First Edition

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## A Note From the Pastor

Last week, I attended a spiritual retreat led by Robert Benson. His most recent book is entitled *Punching Holes in the Dark*. The day's retreat centered around naming our darkness but also naming the ways we and others punch holes in our darkness to let in the light of the world, the light of the kingdom, the light no darkness can ever overcome. He reminded us that the light is always there, but sometimes we prefer to only see our darkness.

With a daughter in high school, our family is now rising every morning in the dark. The mornings are busy as we get lunches packed, grab breakfast and gather all we need for the day. Just after the retreat, it was one of those mornings when we were running late, stressed and not sure we would pick up the others in our carpool in time. Once we were finally in the car and on the way to school, we had to turn around to retrieve a needed but forgotten item. And when we turned, the girls and I in the carpool saw a beautiful sunrise, punching a huge hole in the darkness of that morning. Had we not decided to slow down and turn around, we would have missed this blessing of color and light, shining the darkness of a busy, crazy morning.

Darkness is real in our lives. The retreat and that sunrise reminded me that I can all too easily focus so much on the darkness that I miss the light. As the days grow shorter and darker, may we keep our eyes open for the ways God and so many others around us will punch holes in our darkness and help us see the light of world, the light of Christ, the light no darkness can overcome.

Grace and peace,

Anne

## Church Events

- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Love Thy Neighbor
- Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner
- Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Family Night
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> Superhero Sundae
- Oct 9<sup>th</sup> God Squad
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Night Dinner
- Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Faith & Freedom Cantata
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- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Directory Pictures
- Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – Fall Festival with Trunk or Treat

# October Family Night

**When:**

**Friday, 10/7**

**Time:**

**6:30pm**

**Where:**

**Basement**

**Activity:**

**Biblical Minute to Win It Game Night and Popcorn Bar**

**\*Supper will be provided. Contact Dana Vaughn at [djjv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions.**



To learn more about the Walk to Emmaus and what to expect on this fantastic week end, we invite you to come to our meeting on the first Monday night at the church at 7:00 pm, and we will answer any concerns or answer any questions you might have.

We are so blessed to have two walks coming in October and two of our church members will be attending. God is good!

Men's Walk #131      October 6-9, 2016

Women's Walk #132      October 20-23, 2016

On the upcoming Men's Walk #131, Patrick Calloway will be going. Please keep him in your prayers. Following him, Ann Williams will be going on the Women's Walk #132. Please keep her in your prayers as she prepares for her walk.

Again, you are invited to one of our monthly meetings. We meet in the Wesleyan Sunday School Class at 7:00 pm.

-Barbara Hackney





**You are invited to our First Church Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat!**

**When: Sunday, 10/30**

**Time: 4:00pm**

**Join us in the parking lot for the kids to Trunk or Treat. There will be prizes awarded to the 3 best decorated trunks. Be creative and have fun!**

**Games and activities to follow!**

**Contact Dana Vaughn with any questions.**

## Love Thy Neighbor: Wednesday, October 5th at 11:20am

Join us for lunch, worship and fellowship at West Jones Street Park! We will meet at First UMC at 11:20am to load supplies and then head over to the park. Our menu for the day will include baked spaghetti, salad, bread, dessert and drinks. Check the Missions bulletin board (outside of the choir room) to sign up to provide food for the meal. Please contact Dana Vaughn at [djjv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djjv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Also, please note the following dates that we will be serving lunch in 2016: November 2nd and December 7th  
Mission Committee



## From the Mission Committee

Thank you so much for your contributions of food and office supplies which will assist those with needs in our community. During October you will have two more opportunities to give.

Sunday, October 16, is Feed My Sheep Sunday. We will be collecting one pound bags of white rice and pinto beans for the F-V Emergency Food Pantry.

Sunday, October 30, is our fifth Sunday collection of office supplies for Alliance Medical Ministry which helps meet the medical needs of the underemployed and those without medical insurance. They particularly request white copy paper and pens without caps. Any other office supplies are also welcomed.

All of your donations can be left in or near the tub on the stage in the fellowship hall. Thank you again for your generosity.

# God Squad

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend our meetings! We meet in the basement for supper, devotion time and games/activities. Feel free to bring a friend to our meetings! Also, “like” our God Squad page on Facebook for updates and pictures. Contact Dana Vaughn at [djiv\\_vaughn@yahoo.com](mailto:djiv_vaughn@yahoo.com) with any questions.

## Mark your calendars!

### October 9th: God Squad meeting from 5-6:45pm

Lesson: “Is That Donkey Talking to Me?: Balaam’s Donkey Speaks!”

### October 23rd: God Squad meeting from 5-6:45pm

Lesson: “Hair Raising and Head Splitting Courage: Jael Drives Tent Peg Through Enemy Soldier’s Head!”



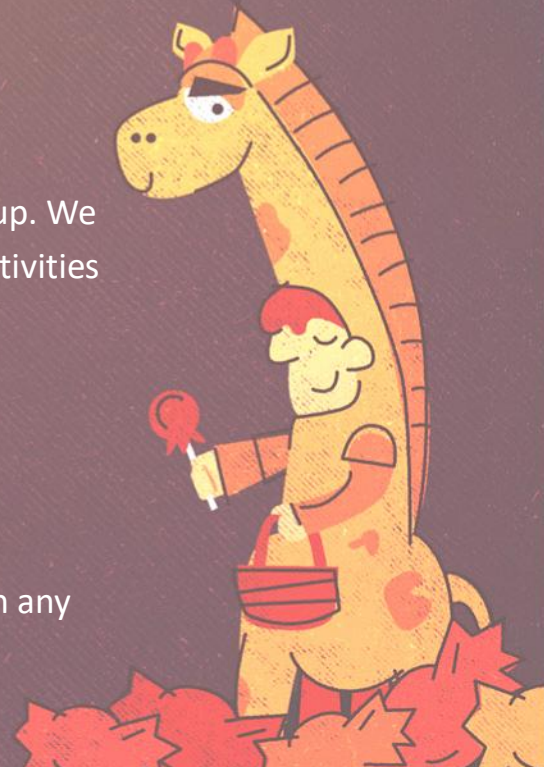
All Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are invited to join our group. We study a different Biblical Superhero each month, play games/activities and end each meeting with an ice cream sundae!

When: Sunday, 10/9, from 3:15-4:15pm

Where: God’s basement

Superhero: Mary—She gives birth to a Superhero!

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# Music Ministry

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Organist, Ellen McCord

BEFORE YOU VOTE.....BE INSPIRED

BY

THE WISDOM OF OUR COUNTRY'S FOUNDING FATHERS

AND

THE TIMELESS TRUTH OF SCRIPTURE

**OF FAITH AND FREEDOM**

By Joseph Martin



Presented by

the Chancel Choir

of First United Methodist Church

Saturday, October 23, 2016

4:00pm

Of Faith and Freedom is a faith-based patriotic cantata. A community performance in our sanctuary will be presented on Sunday, October 23 at 4:00pm.

Here are 3 ways you can be a witness to the foundation of God's presence in our lives as Americans

1. Join the Chancel Choir
2. Be a Narrator - contact Helga
3. Invite neighbors, friends and family to the presentation.

**Children's Choir** has had an exciting start this fall!



All children, 4 year olds- 5th grade are welcome to rehearsals every Sunday, 4:15-5:00pm.

No rehearsal October 23 due to the Chancel Choir's patriotic cantata. Children and their families, friends and neighbors are encouraged to attend the cantata presentation. rehearsal will be moved to Wednesday, October 26 at 6:45-7:20pm in preparation for an anthem with Chancel Choir on Sunday, October 30.

Children are also preparing music for the 5:30pm Family Christmas Eve Worship Service.

**Annual Yard Sale Saturday, October 8, 7:00-noon.** Donations of household items, furniture, kitchen items, electronics, books, toys, home decor, garden equipment, sports equipment, tools etc. accepted Monday, October 5-7 in the Fellowship Hall. (Please see Victoria about clothing donations)



Help is needed to set up, sort and price items on Friday, October 7, 9:00am-3:00pm. Proceeds benefit the Music Ministry.

**Grace Notes Handbell Choir** with organist, Ellen McCord; Pianist, Stephanie Ashworth and Chancel Choir presented an uplifting anthem, "To God be the Glory" on Sunday, September 25. Thank you to all for the gift of their time and talent to the Music Ministry.



**HANDBELL  
CHOIR**

Grace Notes Handbell Choir has 2 positions available to ringers with music reading skills or ringing experience.

**Wedding Invitation** Bob and Helga Bogardus invite our First Church family to join in celebrating the marriage of our daughter, Abigail, to Mr. Jordan Hart at Lindley Park Baptist Church, 4010 Walker Ave, Greensboro, NC on Saturday, October 15 at 3:30pm. Rev. Scott Orr and Rev. Anne Ahl officiating. Musical Selections by Grace Notes Handbell Ensemble. Abigail and Jordan have a passion for service and giving to those in need. Abigail served on the First UMC Haiti Mission Team in the summer of 2015 and requests that donations in celebration of their marriage be made to FUMC memo: School Building in Cotin, Haiti.



### Prayer Ministry

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1

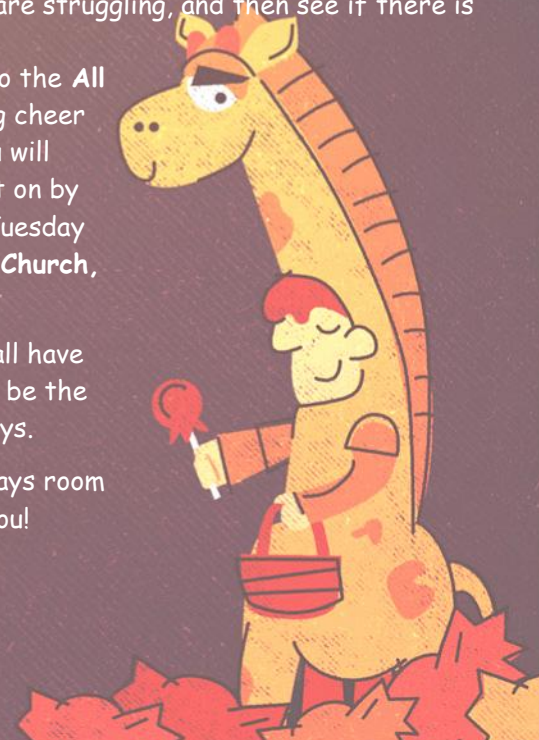
May we all have compassion on all our neighbors. With the holidays approaching, stress levels often go up. And that is in an un-disrupted family unit. When things change for various reasons, such as a death in the family, marriages, divorces, active duty deployment, the list could go on, stress levels go up even more. Perhaps this year, instead of getting frustrated while in line at the store, could we say a prayer for the person causing our frustration? Perhaps this year, we could think outside of our own small glimpse of the world and look for where others are struggling, and then see if there is

anything we can do to help. Perhaps this year, you could bring someone with you to the **All Saints Day luncheon** that we are hosting after church on **November 6!** Bringing cheer and fellowship to both you and the one(s) you brought! Perhaps this year, you will consider bringing your family to the **Community Thanksgiving Service**. It is put on by **FACES (Family And Community Empowerment Services, formerly SWFCA)** the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, **November 22 at 7 PM at St Augusta Missionary Baptist Church, 605 Bridge St, F-V, NC.**

Perhaps this year, we can spread a little more love and compassion around! We all have Our Lord's "unfailing love" and we all have our own "transgressions" too. May we be the one reaching out to help, to inspire, to encourage during the upcoming holidays.

If Our Lord is nudging you to pray for our church family and friends, there is always room for more prayers on our Prayer Ministry Team! I would love to hear from you!

Debbie White  
Prayer Ministry Coordinator  
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# Birthdays

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|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 10/4  | Vivian Owens        | 10/19 | Stephanie Welsh-Ray |
| 10/5  | Anne Williams       | 10/23 | Faye Cress          |
| 10/6  | Christine Berhenke  | 10/23 | Jeanne Gruggel      |
| 10/6  | Garlon Stuart       | 10/24 | Hayden Campbell     |
| 10/6  | Yvonne Tucke        | 10/24 | Dylan Parigoris     |
| 10/8  | Joanna Allen        | 10/24 | David Williams      |
| 10/8  | Charles Schnitzlein | 10/26 | Andrew Baxley       |
| 10/10 | Michael Ray         | 10/26 | Michael Dorman      |
| 10/11 | Rick Buck           | 10/26 | Dylan Setzer        |
| 10/11 | Catherine Padgett   | 10/29 | Beth Buck           |
| 10/12 | Emma Baxley         | 10/30 | Ida Ashworth        |
| 10/13 | Timothy Krauss      | 10/30 | Rede Jessee         |
| 10/14 | Caylee Gilbert      | 10/31 | Pat Lee             |
| 10/14 | Dan Gould           |       |                     |
| 10/17 | Tripp Buddin        |       |                     |

# Anniversaries

