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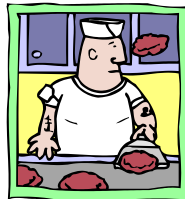


What's Stewing @ Gary's?

We know your calendars are already marked with the United Methodist Women's (UMW) Group's annual Brunswick Stew Sale on October 9. It is a fact, this is a fast selling item, sells out every year. Therefore they would very much appreciate it if you would pre-order your stew by calling Katherine Tyler at 733-2916.

Please note that stew must be picked up by 1:00 on that Saturday, unless prearrangements have been made. All "left behind" stew will be resold.

Did you know there is also a Bake and Craft Sale going on that day? Make sure you attend and take home some goodies!



To not be out cooked by the UMW, the United Methodist Men's (UMM) Group will be hosting a Pork BBQ Dinner on October 17 from 4-7 PM.

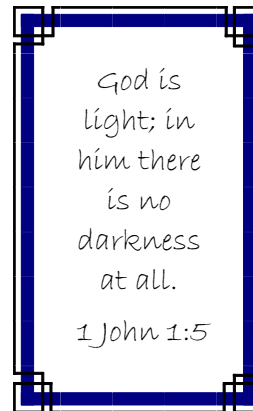
They too are selling tickets in advance so please be sure to get a ticket and support this yummy tummy filling event.

As you will see on page 6 our Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF) are getting in on the food festivities. They have kicked their fundraising off with Cookie Dough Tub sales and more good food lined up as well. Be sure to sign up and support them!

One item not related to food with the exception if you

would like to eat off ~ our new floor in the social hall ~ it should be ready soon. Little inconvenient on our room usage, but well worth the wait to have.

Last item not food related either, is the church directory. We are told they are scheduled to be shipped on or before October 6. Thanks to those that participated!



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GARY'S UMC MISSION

- To encourage every person to become a disciple for Jesus Christ. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this community of faith that nurtures our brothers and sisters, reaches out to those in need, and witness to those without hope.

Little Things Mean A Lot

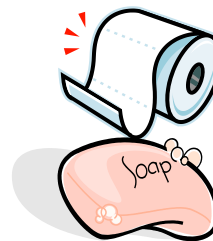
Thank you for all collections for the Prince George Food Bank! Our targeted items for the next 2 months are:



September Ramen noodles and Pasta

October Toilet paper and Soap

Please continue to place donations in one of the two collection areas (Narthex or back hall way). Still accepting paper or plastic bags. The large department store bags are good for the clothes closet.



Should you wish to physically help, they are open on Tues & Fri from 10-2. Gary's UMC volunteers the 4th Friday of each month. *Submitted by Julie & Jane*

Sunday School
9:45
Worship Service
11:00

Dear Family and Friends of Gary's,

It certainly comes as no surprise to you when I say, "we are living in a crazy, mixed up, and messed up world."

Our nation's leaders reveal their political interests over the well being of the citizens in order to promote and perpetuate their agendas of self-interest.

There is the constant and consistent uncertainty about our health and well being even when we go to the grocery store or shopping mall these days. Not even to mention the escalating outbreak of home invasions.

I could go on and on with the woes and weaknesses of our culture and society but there comes a time when discussing the evils of the day just spiral us into more uncertainty and confusion.

I believe instead of running to the government or the institutions of higher education for the answers we desperately need to run (emphasis on *run*) to the God of our salvation for His grace and protection.

He and He alone is our refuge and strength in this present time of trouble. Our God in His unconditional

love for us as human beings has been longsuffering toward us as we chose to run to the temporary "things" of this world in an attempt to fix ourselves of all that has caused us to wander and be lost from His Presence and Promise.

Now is the time to recognize this dilemma, wake-up and realize that we can come home from our wayward ways that have put us in the pig-pen of life.

Luke chapter 15 talks about the wayward sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son, in each of these accounts they were sought after, found and returned home with great rejoicing.

If you have been away from the fold of Gary's may I encourage you to consider where you are on life's highway and if you keep running into dead ends, it's time to turn around and run into the arms of the Good Shepherd.

I pray to see you in church Sunday.

In Christ's Fold,

Pastor Henry

*The Lord
hears when I
call to him.

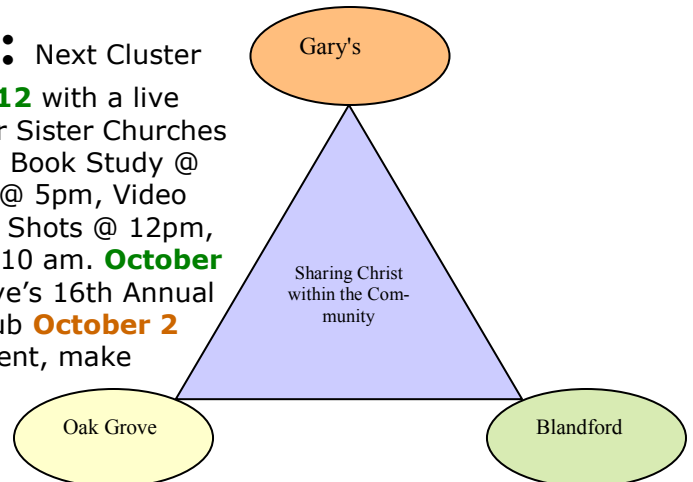
Psalm 4:3*



**Charge Conference
November 30 at
Blandford UMC.**

CLUSTER NEWS: Next Cluster Worship will be @ Blandford UMC on **December 12** with a live nativity, worship and caroling. Other dates of our Sister Churches you need to make note of: Blandford weekly Wed Book Study @ 10AM, Young Adults @ 1230 (Panera's), Vespers @ 5pm, Video Bible Study @ 530pm. **October 10** Blandford Flu Shots @ 12pm, **October 14** Blandford Theater Thursday-*Rudy*@ 10 am. **October 31** Blandford Trick or Trunk 1-3 pm. | Oak Grove's 16th Annual Helping Hands Carnival is at the Rives Ruritan Club **October 2** from 10-4, new this year is a Corn Hole Tournament, make sure you come out enjoy the day!

Want more info on above, ASK and Thee shall receive!



WANTED:

You may be thinking “What Now?” What is wanted of me now? We all lead busy lives and feel our plates are too full for anything more, but isn’t that what serving the Lord is all about? Filling your plates with his Grace and Glory and sharing it with others?

I’m not sure if you are waiting on a personal invite, or if you feel you don’t have the ability or know how on how to serve. If God is nudging on your heart about something, that is the only experience required.

We are still in desperate need of a Sunday School Superintendent. We are in need of Nursery workers both for Sunday School and Church Service (See Stacia Lee). We are in need of Leaders for Gary’s Rising Stars and Gary’s Angels (See Pastor Henry).

Praise God! Literally just at printing time ~ please welcome Steve Snodgrass to the Nurture Team as Gary’s new Sunday School Superintendent. Thank you Steve for answering the call.



We are still in need of those waiting to respond to the calling of any of our areas of need. We are praying for you to step up and look forward to volunteering with you.

God Bless You!
Karen Dearman Bailey



There is such a need for this group, however we have not had any members for several months attend the monthly meetings. So I will be doing lots of outreach during the coming months to let others know about the meetings. Please help by letting those that are in need know about our meetings at the group.

We meet the 4th Thursday of each month at 7PM. It is for Parents, Grandparents and adult siblings who have lost children (young or old). Whether you are new to the grief or experienced, please come and share with others.

Submitted by Stacia Lee

Bank Deposits Down ~ Spirits Up!

While donations overall in the approximately 500 food banks across the State of Virginia have been down, here in Prince George we have served over 600 families and over 1,800 individuals during the 3rd quarter. That says a lot! We gave away over 56,000 lbs of food. That is due to the compassion and giving hearts of our community. For those that have donated either food, money or time. What a blessing you have been to so many.

Should you wish to donate food and or clothes directly, they are open every Tuesday and Friday from 10-2. If you know of someone in need, for the PG food bank they must be a PG resident, however for the Clothing Closet ~ everyone ~ is welcome to shop!

Ever decide to volunteer your time, Gary’s hosts the 4th Friday of each month see Jane Lee.



September 2010

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Pls Note Times/Dates can change!			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 UMM Mtg;	13 HnN	14	15 BS	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 BS	23 CF Mtg	24	25
26	27 HnN	28	29 BS	30		

- 9/12 UMM Mtg 8:30 am
- 9/12 MYF Mtg
- 9/13 Hooks n' Needlers meet every other Monday at 1PM
- 9/15—Ea Wed Night Bible Study 7PM ~Ephesians.
- 9/23 Compassionate Friends Mtg 7PM
- 9/27 Hooks n Needlers
- Choir Practice each Wednesday @ 7:30 pm
- Pls check church calendar for Scout schedule
- SCE - Stands for Sister Church Event

United Methodist Women's (UMW) Group

The UMW hope all have had a nice summer, as you can see from the front page article we are back in action.



Saving your Campbell labels are graciously accepted by any of the UMW (or leave in the clear box in the back hallway).

We welcome all women of the church, join us for our next meetings September 21 and October 12 at 7PM.

Submitted by Jean Janeka

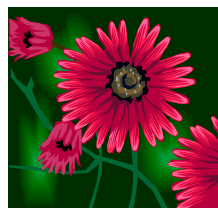
Here's your sign...Our current list is as follows, however if you have a burning desire to help, some families may not mind giving up one of their extra months.

September	Baileys	October	Baileys
November	Mims	December	Mims
2011			
January	K Tyler	February	Snodgrass
March	Trouts	April	J Lee
May	J Houlberg		



John Houlberg will need help starting June 2011 as well, so if your calendar is clear that far in advance, please contact him.

Have a special celebration to share with others? Call Inez Tyrcha at 731-7725 to donate alter flowers for that honor.



It would be so appreciated if you see flowers on the alter after service, please put in old kitchen refrigerator.

Many Thanks!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10/2 Sister Church Event- Oak Grove Carnival
- 10/3 UMM Mtg 8AM
- 10/6-Ez Wed Night Bible Study 7PM ~Ephesians
- 10/10 Sister Church Event (SCE) Blandford UMC Flu Shots
- 10/12 UMW Mtg 7PM
- 10/14 SCE Blandford, Movie - Rudy 10 am
- 10/16 UMM Dinner 4PM
- 10/28 Compassionate Friends 7PM
- 10/31 SCE Blandford, Trunk or Treat 1-3PM

October 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 SCE
3	4	5	6 BS & YBS	7	8 F	9
10 UMM Mtg, SCE	11 HnN	12 UMW	13 BS	14 SCE	15	16 UMM BBQ Dinner
17	18	19	20 BS & YBS	21	22	23
24/31 SCE	25 HnN	26	27 BS	28 CF 7PM	29	30

United Methodist Men's (UMM) Group



As mentioned on the front page, we will be holding a Pork Dinner on October 16

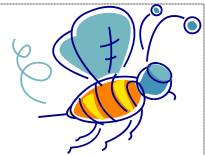
from 4-7pm. See any of the UMM Men for tickets. As we preach and preach, pre-sold tickets allow for enough food! So don't miss out!

Men's Retreat will be the 1st weekend in November. Again see any of the UMM Men.

We meet the second Sunday morning of each month, join us at our **next meeting, October 10th** at 8:30am.

Submitted by Chris Comer

We Zoomed!



August 23rd -27th - VBS

We had a fantastic turnout! The kids and even some adults enjoyed the inflatable we had for our grand finale! Amazingly we averaged 20-23 of the 6th Grade and up Youth! Praise God!

As you know our mission for VBS was the "Feed America Program" through St. Andrew Society Potato Project and Gleaning network. Our goal was to raise a minimum of \$50 for this project. We were able to raise enough for 6,000 pounds. Could it have been generated through our competition between girls vs.



boys? Ask who won. We're just pleased we raised \$150 and were able to match from our VBS budget.

Thanks so much to Janet Callis for all the supply donations which allowed us to save and then donate from our budget. With additional donations we were able to save \$100.00 of postage to go towards Shoe Box Drive.

Great big Thanks to **everybody** that helped!

Mary Bagshaw

MYF ~ Youth News

Hello beloved!

School is back in session, and so we need to find time together to put aside the cares of the world and fellowship as friends and brothers and sisters in Christ. That means, back to social and service activities, and I need ideas! Please let me know what you all want to do this fall, and we'll see about gettin' 'r done!



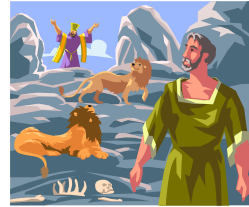
Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We had 20+ youth participating each night, and I've updated the Youth e-mail and phone rosters to include those we don't see all the time. If you have a friend who you want to put on the list (with their permission) or you need to add yourself, get me the info pronto and keep the list current. If you need a list, let me know and I'll get one to you. Huge thanks to Erin Houlberg and her great group of volunteers for keeping y'all in line and entertained for the week.

Sunday School is back to its normal format. We will meet each week in the library at 9:45 and are doing the book "Three Simple Rules: 24/7" on John Wesley's Three Simple Rules: Do Good, Do No Harm, Stay In Love With God. What do those things mean for our everyday lives? How do we relate them to school, family, and friends? Come to Sunday School and find out!

Wednesday Night Bible Study resumes October 6th. We'll be working with the Boy and Girl Scouts on the P.R.A.Y (Programs of Religious Activities with Youth) program. PRAY is a religious education program open to all that are interested. This fall we will be offering two of the PRAY programs: God and Church for 6th through 8th grades, and God and Life for 9th through 12th grades. The God and Church program will lead young people on a faith journey with three parts: meeting Jesus, worshipping God, and witness-

ing and ministering for Christ.

Participants will create either a video or a photo album to share what they have learned on their faith journeys. Participants will have the opportunity to work with their pastor or other Christian adult as they study the church's structures and objectives and participate in service projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of the church. Students in the God and Life program will seek to understand their call to a life of discipleship. We will focus on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. This is a brief account that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever.



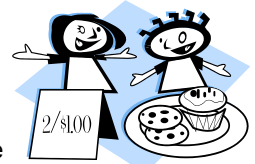
Five chronological "events" out of this story will be highlighted and used as the focus for the five different sections in this program. Each section will illustrate a key element in learning how to live one's life for Christ. Please let us know as soon as you can if you plan to attend, so that we can ensure that we will have enough resources for everyone. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Steve Snodgrass or John Houlberg. Alison Carmack and Janet Callis will also be helping to lead the program.

Breakfast foods and juice boxes are always needed for Sunday School and treats are welcome for Wednesday night Bible Study. I know our "always hungry" (spiritually and physically!) youth truly appreciate having food when they arrive for meetings. If you would like to contribute, please leave the donations in the library marked "MYF." What wonderful things God continually does among our Youth! Thank you for continuing to support and pray for them.

Submitted by Alison Carmack

Remember
Night Bible
Study starts
Oct 6.

Our first fundraiser will start on September 19 till October 10. We are selling



COOKIE DOUGH IN A TUB! Each resealable tub contains 2 lbs. of delicious cookie dough.

Each tub makes 36 - 1oz. cookies. Cookie dough can be refrigerated for 6 months, frozen for 1 year and is shelf stable at room temperature for 21 days. Cookie dough may be thawed and refrozen.

The flavors are:

CHOCOLATE CHUNK, PEANUT BUTTER, OATMEAL RAISIN, SUGAR, WHITE CHOCOLATE MACADAMIA NUT, & SNICKER DOODLE

EACH TUB ONLY \$10.00! A quality product at a reasonable price.

In order for this to be a successful fundraiser we need every ones support. We are asking that each family purchase at least one tub. I mean who couldn't use cookies around the house. I, personally have purchased these before and can tell you all the flavors are awesome. Having the batter in the tub makes it quick, easy and convenient way to make cookies.

Please see a youth group member or fill out the order forms in the back hallway or call Karen Sadler 733-6153 to place an order.

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Then, mark your calendars for our second fundraiser on October 17 immediately after church in the social hall. We will have a representative Patti Hughes from "Tastefully Simple". Lunch will be served along a buffet of sample food from her product line. The youth group will receive 20% profit from the sales of the party. The closer to the date we will post more information.

THE MYF WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.

Submitted by Karen Sadler

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Join us!
Sunday School 9:45
Worship Service 11:00

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