

The Pastor's Perspective

All of us wondered what to expect out of Hurricane Irene. Do I even need to say how storms like this affect our scheduling at church, particularly when they decide to arrive on a busy weekend? However, aside from rescheduling our "Habitat Dash Run/Walk" from Saturday, August 27, to Saturday, October 15, we were thankful to gather for worship on Sunday morning. We need to continue to be in prayer for all of those who had a much tougher time of it—both in NC, and up the northeast corridor.



Remember! Our 50th Anniversary Celebration is just around the corner. I'm sure the focus of PVUMC will be much *broader* than that of most churches on September 11. And while none of us will fail to remember the tragedy that shook our nation on that date ten years ago, in our worship we will celebrate the faithfulness of God through 50 years of being Pine Valley United Methodist Church (chartered on September 12, 1961). We will worship together in a combined worship celebration in the CLC at 10:00 a.m. Bishop Al Gwinn will be our guest preacher. Several previous PVUMC pastors will be present. Great music is planned. A time capsule will be dedicated (to be opened on the church's 100th anniversary in 2061). And a covered dish luncheon in the CLC will follow worship. You know how we love to eat! So bring your

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favorite dishes!

Also, don't forget "Celebrate 50! A Musical Revue" planned for Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for this fun-filled evening as an all-star PVUMC cast performs music from the 60's through the 00's. You won't want to miss it!

Switching gears now... In the past year since I became your senior pastor, I hope you have learned that I am a strong advocate

of transparency—transparency is integral to prayerfully moving forward into God's future for PVUMC. In that regard a recommendation that will be made at our September 19th Church Council meeting (then at our October 2nd Charge Conference). The Staff-Parish Relations Committee will recommend that Pastor Trish be made full-time beginning January 1, giving PV three full-time pastors on staff. Let me share why I think this is a great decision!

In this capacity Trish's responsibilities will continue to include BRIDGE worship planning, oversight of Celebrate Recovery, and our overall mission and outreach program. She will continue with her preaching and teaching responsibilities. One new area will be pastoral oversight of, and a liaison to Senior Adult Ministries. In this capacity she will coordinate pastoral visitation of our homebound members. And as a full-time Associate, Trish will also be much more available to offer a pastoral care presence to the congregation as it relates to counseling and hospital visitation.

This is an important step to our moving forward as a church in faithfulness to Jesus Christ. What a joy to now have Kim Swiger on staff as our Children's Ministry Coordinator (paid staff); and how inspiring it is to have Mary Stephens step forward to serve as Youth Ministry Coordinator in a volunteer capacity (she needs strong support from those on the Youth Council!). Likewise, bringing Pastor Trish on full-time will help us do our best in ministering to the needs of everyone—all ages—in our congregation.

I also want you to know that the Board of Trustees are looking at various capital needs to ensure that PVUMC facilities provide a welcoming and safe environment (details forthcoming). What an exciting time to be a child of God; and an exciting time in the life of PVUMC. I'm thankful for the opportunity and privilege we have all been given—to be co-laborers with God in "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world"—the greatest enterprise in the world!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Randy



We had a great time
at choir camp in
August!



New CLC Sound System Update

Great News! For six years we have known that the CLC sound system needed to be replaced. PVUMC is able to take advantage of a unique opportunity to upgrade the CLC Gym sound system at a discounted price. The recommended system was originally quoted at \$52,500. We are able to purchase the same system ("demo" model) and warranty for \$33,000! Church Council approved the expenditure of \$33,000 to take advantage of this significant savings. Since \$8,000 is available through our Board of Trustees, the Council also approved a \$25,000 loan in order to complete this time-sensitive acquisition. We are happy to announce that the new system was installed the week of August 29, but we still need to raise enough money to pay it off. Our PVUMC members excel in generosity, and we hope to raise \$25,000 prior to September 11 to cover this capital expense. Currently, we have raised almost \$16,000. We are excited about moving forward as a church family with other staffing and capital projects needing to be addressed in the near future. We are also mindful of our responsibility to be good stewards of what God has already entrusted to us as we move forward into God's future for PVUMC.

—Tommy Nunalee, Church Council Chairperson

United Methodist Women News

On Sunday, August 28, the UMW held their third General Meeting of the year. This year a salad luncheon was held after church. Emily Innes shared with us her experiences in Haiti, which is one of our UMW mission studies. The UMW Executive Committee for 2012 was elected.

On Wednesday, October 5, the Mildred Thoburn Circle will host the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. We look forward to celebrating the couples in our congregation who have been married 50 years or more. Be sure to attend Wednesday Night Supper for this special evening.

The following Saturday, October 8, will be the UMW Conference Annual Meeting in Fayetteville at Methodist University. If you are interested in attending, please contact Susie Lupton as pre-registration is required.

Our annual Fall Fun Day will be on Saturday, October 29. There will be a yard sale, bake sale and country store, games for the children and goodies for breakfast and lunch. Plan to "try out" those costumes early and participate in the costume parade. This is the UMW's main fundraiser for the year to support mission programs for women, youth, and children.

Future Dates

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| Sunday, September 18 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| Wednesday, October 5 | 50th Anniversary Celebration |
| Saturday, October 8 | Conference Annual Meeting |
| Sunday, October 16 | Executive Committee Meeting |
| Sunday, October 23 | District Annual Meeting |
| Saturday, October 29 | Fall Fun Day |

The Mildred Thoburn Circle will meet Thursday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Koinonia classroom (Bldg. C #16). The program will be brought to us by Carlos Perez. We welcome visitors and new members. Call Pattie Nelson at 791-4641 or Joan Ennis at 392-7793 for more information.



For those ladies in our congregation who do not belong to a circle, I invite you to attend any of those listed below. Just call the circle chair or Susie Lupton, 371-1487, if you would like more information regarding UMW. WE NEED YOU and would love for you to be a part of PVUMW!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

*Some demand action with voices that boom
While others knit quietly in the dark of a room.
Some quote scripture and wait a reaction
While others keep knitting in quiet satisfaction.
Some see God in the size of a boulder
But I've seen His presence in a shawl on my shoulder.
For your Prayer Shawl Ministry is a blessing you see
And it's a special blessing for a fellow like me
Whose mother knitted items for those she loved
Before departing to the Father above.
Thanks for the shawl, the love and the prayers
For all who serve, His reward will be theirs.*

- A Thank You poem written by Charles Carraway

This summer has been a busy time with more than 25 shawls being distributed to our members and their families. Three of these were blankets given to new babies in our congregation. The next blessing of prayer shawls will be in late September.

As our program is expanding we have a continuing need for additional contributors to our ministry both in making shawls and in donating funds to purchase the yarn. There are approximately 16 "bags" of donated yarn "ready and waiting" to be picked up and lovingly made into a shawl or blanket that will bless someone in need of care. The only financial support we receive from the church is to purchase the praying hands pins that are distributed with the shawls.

We meet on the second and fourth Monday mornings from 10-12:00 and on the first Wednesday afternoon from 3-5:00. If you know someone in the congregation or a family member that is in need of a prayer shawl, please contact a member of the prayer shawl team or leave a note in the UMW mailbox. New members of the Prayer Shawl Ministry are always welcome.

| PVUMC Circles- Join Us! | Contact | Phone | Monthly Meeting Schedules |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Circle of Christian Friends | Beverly Cheers | 395-0752 | Meets 2nd Mondays 7:00 pm, Room #210 |
| Enice Bowen Circle | Yvonne Culp | 763-6134 | Meets 2nd Tuesdays 9:45 am, Room #16 |
| Mary Ellen Whitfield | Katie Hill | 452-4776 | Meets 2nd Mondays 7:00 pm, Room #16 |
| Mildred Thoburn Circle | Pattie Nelson Joan Ennis | 791-4641 392-7793 | Meets 2nd Thursdays 9:30 am, Room #16 |
| Ogden By The Sea Circle | Pam Craig | 686-9454 | Meets 3rd Thursdays 7:00 pm, members' homes |

Scouts News

With the first meeting of the year on August 22, the Troop has immediately started working on plans for next year's summer camp and the Tri-District Camporee at Camp Bowers at the end of September. The theme will be Pioneering, with activities focused on Scout skills in the area of lashing (each troop must build an 'action' gadget out of poles and lashings, carve a totem pole, knots and prepare for shooting and other competitions. Completion of partial merit badges from Camp Cherokee and planning for October's overnight (sailing and power boating skills) on Masonboro Island. A chicken barbeque is planned for November 4 (serving lunch and dinner) so keep your menu free for that day and help support the troop.

The Scout bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall outside the kitchen is continuously updated with pictures of the activities that the troop has been engaged in, so browse when



**BOY
SCOUTS
OF
AMERICA**

you have a chance or if your son is interested in Scouting. Take some time to review to see what activities the boys participate in and are planning for the future thanks to the support of PVUMC. Any boys ages 11 - 18 that wish to consider joining the troop are welcome to visit. We meet weekly and have at least one monthly overnight during each month of the year as well as service activities. Troop Meetings are held on Monday nights at 7:00, shifting from the Gym to the Fellowship Hall starting on November 1st.

Additionally, Pine Valley also sponsors Cub Scout Pack 224 for boys from 1st Grade to 5th Grade. It's a great way to prepare boys for future scouting activities and have a great time in the process. For further information about either of the Scouting Programs at PVUMC, contact Scout Master Jerry Jones at 794-9238 or Committee Chair Keith Ward at 791-6079.

General Announcements



Getting the Point

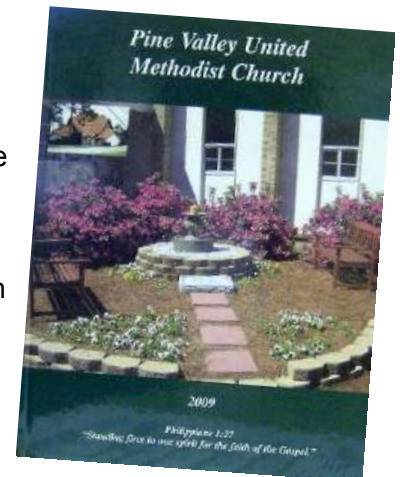
Answering a call from Rev. Francis Daniel and getting the go-ahead from God, Bill Braswell will soon assume the pastorate of Rocky Point United Methodist Church in Pender County. The Sunday after celebrating PVUMC's 50th anniversary, Bill will begin this interim part-time responsibility.

He asks your prayers as he takes a break from retirement and enters this exciting new ministry.



Online Directory Reminder

Just a reminder that the church's online directory is available now. A link to the online directory can be found on the church website on the "Upcoming Events" page. The information and photos are based off the Lifetouch hard-cover directory. The directory is password protected so only church members are able to access the information. You will be able to control what information is on the online directory. Email Charles in the church office (charles@pvumc.net) to get your initial user name and password. In the subject line of the email, put "Online Directory" and in the body of your email, put your first and last name. There is only one account per family and after your initial login and password are provided, you can change them to something you can remember.



Senior Adults

"Praise the Lord. O my Soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as Long as I live." -----Psalm 146:2

As we approach the celebration of our church's 50th year, I would like to relay to you the very deep faith and steadfast love of Christ that I have witnessed among many of our members who are not able to be in our midst anymore. Age and illness have taken away their presence, but the impact they made on PVUMC will never diminish. Their spirits have remained loyal. We give thanks for their contributions and for their constant love of our church.

News for the Travelers

ALL ABOARD!

The Crystal Coast Lady (brand new boat) sails from Beaufort Dock Friday, September 30, 1:00 – 2:30
Pony – Dolphin Scenic Luncheon Tour
Cost including lunch: \$20.00 payable on the boat
Departure time of bus from PVUMC: 9:00 A.M.
Return to PVUMC approximately 7:00 P.M.
Dinner will be enjoyed someplace in Jacksonville on the way home.



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Covered dish dinner in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 20 at 5:30. Let's kick off a new season by inviting a friend or new member to join us. You never know what new delicacy will be waiting for you!

Wee Care Returns After Summer Break

Wee Care is back in full force for the start of our 18th year. All the staff is in place, and the children have already gotten used to the daily routine. We got back to that routine in full force starting with our weekly visits to Mrs. Vitale, our music teacher. She will be working on fall music and movement. We are grateful to be able to use the Discovery Zone as her classroom. Chapel starts back up at the end of the month with our first Bible lesson taken from Mark 10- *Jesus Blessing the Children*. Along with routine at the start of school, we try and establish in each child's mind that we are all "Children of God", and that makes us all uniquely special. We will also be offering to the families of Wee Care an opportunity to participate in the First Response program. This provides for each family an identification card on their child to be used in the event of an emergency.

In addition to all the programs we have going on, Wee Care, with the assistance of First Federal, will be providing children in the program an opportunity to learn how to save money, and open their own savings accounts. We will be having two Bank Days a month, servicing those children that open an account. We are very excited about this, and hope that it starts many of our families on the road to healthy saving habits.

As in the past, Wee Care will be sponsoring our FEED THE TURKEY mission project. This year we are planning to work closely with Carmen Nunalee and the missions committee as we help to feed many hungry families during the Thanksgiving season. We will be getting information out in the weekly bulletin. Be on the lookout for this information, as well as donation boxes and a list of items needed.

The staff of Wee Care appreciate everything that this congregation does for us as a ministry of PVUMC. Please continue to keep the mission and goals of this program in your prayers, as well as the staff and the families that it serves. The Pine Valley Wee Care staff for the 2011-2012 school year is: Betsy Knox, Leslie Cave, Michelle Akins, Stephanie Keller, Amy Bonds, Emily Shipman, Kyanne Delavore, Lori Lewis, Elizabeth Davis, Wendy Laursen, Amanda Hale, April Olson, Sharon Morton, Holly Izzo, Kelly Copeland, Barb Bittler, Tracy Moore, Anne Vitale, and Donna Ackerman.

We are all looking forward to a year full of blessings.

In His Service,
Linda Gregson



Summer Supper Series—Wrightsville Beach—August 3



A Note Regarding Family Camp

From Family Ministries:
Due to miscommunication at the Singletary Lake State Park office, Pine Valley UMC did not get the camp for the Labor Day weekend. We are scheduled at Singletary for the weekend of October 7-9. The following Monday, October 10, is Columbus Day, but that is not a school holiday this year. We at Family Ministries hope to have all our PVUMC family join us for this October weekend. Look for more details soon.

College Students... Let's Stay in Touch!

PVUMC would like to stay in touch with our college students, no matter if you are staying in the area or going away. Please email the following information: your name, school, email address and mailing address to:



Ltcrech0319@aol.com.

Even if you received mailings and packages last year we still need the information, as we will be starting a new list. If you have any questions please contact Kay Creech at 395-2592 or Pastor Jared at the church.

Ongoing Prayer Concerns



Liz Bird
Jane Bookman
Golda Bouldin
Helen Dowless
David Flowers
Joan Fritz

Wanda Gillikin
Luise Grzegorowicz
Jean Hedden
David Herring
Mae High
Harriett Hull
Nancy Gray

Doris Kesler
Dee Miller
Landen & Mike Ryan
Lona Sharp
Gene & Doris Spivey
Karen Zezefellis



50th Anniversary Announcements

You are invited to...

Pine Valley United Methodist Church 50th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, September 10:

~Musical Revue: "Celebrate 50!" 7 PM in the CLC Music from 1961-2011- FUN FOR ALL AGES! See below for more details.

Sunday, September 11:

~Worship from 10 AM – 11:30 AM with Speaker Bishop Al Gwinn

~Lunch: Covered dishes of salads, vegetables, & desserts. Meats and beverages provided by UMM & UMW

Don't Miss:

Time Line in Fellowship Hall
Time Capsule

Program Books for everyone - place an advertisement for your business or honorarium/memorial for your family.

"PASSING IT ON"

[Click for PVUMC's 50th Anniversary Website Page](#)

Celebrate 50! A Musical Revue

Love the groovy music of the 60's? The disco or rock-n-roll beat of the 70's? Maybe the 80's were more your style? There will be music for everyone

at **Celebrate 50! A Musical Revue – Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.** Plan to join your church family for this fun-filled evening as a star-studded PVUMC cast performs music from the 60's through the 00's. You won't want to miss it!!



Homegoings...



Our sympathy and God's peace to...

† **Cheryl Delk** and her family on the death of her mother, Ruby Collins, on August 1 in High Point, NC.

† **Larry Creech** and his family on the death of his father, Sam Creech, on August 2 in Red Springs, NC.

† The family of **Christine Williams**, who died August 15, and **Russell Williams, Jr.**, who died on August 18. Both were members of PVUMC.

† **Ilene Probst** and her family on the death of her mother, Inez Wilber, aged 102, on August 22 in Salt Point, NY.

...And

Hallelujahs!



For...

◆ All the third graders who received Bibles during worship service on August 28:



Maleah Bainer
Joanna Brennan
Courtney Elhart
Drew Gonzalez
Quinn Gonzalez
Kevin Hardee
Jacqueline McFarlin
Dustin Nesbitt
Garrett Snelling
Ashley Stein



In Memory and Honor

PVUMC Youth Ministry: In Memory of: Janice Williams by Tim & Gina Pendergrass

Memorial Fund: In Memory of: Janice Williams by Martha & Terry Ellis, Charles & Sue Frye

Thomas McKee by Jacqueline McKee

Al Everett by Philip & Mary Dallow, Elizabeth Bird, David McCulloch, Robert & Edith Huebner, Elaine Umstetter, Carole Everett, Michael & Wendy Brubaker

Deadlines for PVUMC publications are as follows:

Sunday bulletin–
Wednesdays by 12:00 noon
Monthly newsletter– 22nd of each month

Check out Reverend

Trish's blog at:

<http://web.me.com/patriciaarcher>

September Birthdays

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| 1 Madison Dale Ceighlee Styles | 10 Dick Hewlett Doris Hughes Jeff Poteat Kim Fanelli | 19 Charlie Chase Edward Norton Brooke Batts Alana Huffmon Precious Poteat Toddy Styles | 25 Nicholas Kingman Olivia Kingman |
| 2 Charles Gregson Layton Bedsole Tiffany Earle-Brown | 11 Ivan Doll | 20 Patrick Harris | 26 B.J. McKenzie Dave Lude Brinley Christner Chad Goodson |
| 3 Louis Sawyer | 12 Mary Stephens Austin Hatcher | 21 Jean Richards Phyllis Buckley Helen Webb Sarah Folks Will Evans | 27 Sierra Hatcher |
| 4 Joe Cowan Jeff Stout Tommy Nunalee Austin Wilson | 14 Doris Batson Chris Keelin Madeline Pagliughi | 22 Diana Edwards Linda Page Jennifer Magill Donnie Bullers Trey Peterson Zack Swain | 28 Theresa Meares |
| 5 Brenda Bowman Kelle Casto Roxane Stein Chris Davis Matt Lashinske | 15 Chuck Harriman Jonathan Jernigan | 23 Marylee Gross Pat Patterson | 29 Bob Verdinek Jim Currier Debbie Jones Phillip David Katie Williams Nathan Shields |
| 6 Ted Evans | 16 Gary McNair Donna Ackerman Jeff Batson Andrew Williams Bailey Scott Natalie Williams | 24 Betty Bowker George Zezefellis Pat Sullivan | 30 Carl English Ivy Byrd Coleman Parker |
| 7 Linden Boone Norma Dixon | 18 Jean Godwin Donnie Dale Maurice Horton Sarah Masters Jennifer Wilson Izzy Magill | | |
| 8 Gloria Hood | | | |
| 9 Ryan McFall J.J. Ward | | | |

If you know of someone who should be listed in the August birthdays or anniversaries and was not, please let Kelly know at kelly@pvumc.net. Thank you!

September Anniversaries

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| 1 Jim & Nancy Gray | 18 Jim & Becca Durham Paul & Susan Ritchie |
| 3 Todd & Pam Sammons | 19 Charlie & Billie Chase |
| 4 Jeff & Wendy Ludwig | 21 Todd & Cherie Styles |
| 5 Francis & Susan Bolger Charles & Judy Carraway Steve & Nancy Thomas | 22 Archie & Shirley McLeod |
| 8 Marshall & Margaret Williams | 23 Clark & Peggy Connell Cameron & Sharon Edwards Richard & Maria Williams |
| 9 Carl & Karen English Jeff & Cindy Poteat | 27 Chris & Susan Keelin Peter & Marina Nielsen |
| 11 Bill & Diane Bayrd | 30 Ryan & Nikki Pierce Wayne & Lori Anne Ray |
| 12 Charles & Dawn George George & Karen Zezefellis | |

Youth News



YOUTH
KICK-OFF
AUGUST 28, 2011

