

*All Together as a Church Family*  
on **December 20 at 10:00 am**

We don't get to do this often enough—  
so don't miss this **combined service** filled with music for everyone.  
The 10:00 am service will be followed by a covered dish brunch.

For an extra boost of Christmas cheer, how about joining for caroling  
that evening from 6-8:00 pm?

Come and celebrate our Saviors' birth as a full and vibrant church!

In Christ's love,



## Special Opportunities for the Season

~ December 6 - Junior Choir Christmas Performance at 6 pm in the Chapel

~ December 9 - Children's Christmas Movie Night from 6:15-8:15 pm

~ December 12 - Babysitting for your shopping hours, 9 am-8 pm

~ December 13 - Youth Choir Christmas Performance at 6 pm in the Chapel

~ December 20 - **Combined Service** at 10:00 am ~ Covered Dish Brunch to follow.

~ December 20 - Old fashioned caroling from 6-8:00 pm ~ Stay After for Hot Chocolate & Treats.

~ December 24 - Candlelight and Carols Christmas Eve Service at 8 pm

*"For Unto Us a Child is Born, Unto Us a Savior is Given"*

### Sundays

- 8:45 am Traditional Worship Service  
9:50 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service  
4:30 pm UMYF, Youth Center  
5:00 pm Visitation Team

### Wednesdays

Last Wednesday Night Fellowship will be  
December 9th until January 6, 2010

- 9:30 am Visitation  
5:00 pm Senior's Dinner  
5:30 pm Dinner  
6:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary  
Children's Choir, Chapel  
Financial Peace University  
Prayer Force, CB 311  
Youth Choir, Choir Room  
7:15 pm Adult Bible Study, CB 322  
Faith Weaver Friend, MB  
Youth Life Groups, Youth Center  
7:15 pm Worship Choir, Choir Room  
8:15 pm Praise Band, Sanctuary

### Thursdays

- 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry, MB 101  
Weight Loss Challenge, CB 323

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Junior Choir Christmas Performance

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Youth Choir Christmas Performance

**Sunday, December 20 at 10:00 am**  
Combined Service  
Covered Dish Brunch following service  
Church-wide Caroling from 6-8 pm

**Thursday, December 24 at 8:00 pm**  
Christmas Eve Service

### Dates to Remember

#### Trustee Meeting

Sunday, December 27, at 12:15 pm

#### Men's Club Meetings

2nd Sundays of the Month, 7:45 am

### UMW Mary & Martha Circle Meetings

No Meeting in December  
Next Meeting -- January 21, 2:00 pm

### Cobb County Holiday Schedule

December 21 - Return January 5, 2010  
January 18, Martin Luther King Holiday

### Paulding Holiday Schedule

December 21 - Return January 4, 2010  
January 18, Martin Luther King Holiday

### Preschool Holiday Schedule

Follows Cobb County School Calendar

### Church Office Closed

December 28 - 31, 2009



For more information, please contact June Rainwater at 678.687.5286.

### **Congratulations** to our latest graduates of Financial Peace University!



They learned if they "live like no one else" now, later they can really "live like no one else." Are you looking for some help with your finances? Look no further. FPU is a 13-week program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right money decisions to achieve your financial goals and God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much, much more. Eliminate debt -- build wealth -- God's way!

Come check out Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University and experience a financial breakthrough

**Preview:** January 10, 2010 at 2 pm.

**Class starts:** January 17, 2010 at 2 pm.

Contact Thomas Bailey or Tom Adams to register or for more information [ww.fpu@powderspringsfumc.org](mailto:ww.fpu@powderspringsfumc.org).

### **Ministry Leaders**

Mark Your Calendars ~ January 23, 2010

The Church Council and Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development (CNLD) will be holding a church-wide leadership training on January 23. All those leading a ministry or serving in one of our standing committees (Trustees, Finance, SPRC, CNLD) are invited to attend and will be receiving a copy of *The Serving Leader* to read prior to the training.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Dae at [mike\\_dae@yahoo.com](mailto:mike_dae@yahoo.com) or Julie Beem at [juliebeem@comcast.net](mailto:juliebeem@comcast.net).



As the new year approaches and you begin to think about your new year's resolutions, why not **"Resolve to Live It"**? Live what, you might ask? Live your faith!

We are providing several opportunities for you to better realize your goals of living a life full of faith, strength, joy and abundance. Through specific sermons, studies, devotionals, small groups and training opportunities, we know this new year is going to prove fruitful for all of us, both personally and as a corporate body of Christians.

Isn't it time that you **"Resolve to Live It"**? Come on and let's Live It together!

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**Bible Study** ~ Beginning on Wednesday January 6, Rev. Jimmy Ford will lead a Bible Study as a part of our new year **"Resolve to Live It"** series. He will walk you through the Book of Luke, which will strengthen your knowledge of the life of Jesus and will provide you with more mastery of the Bible. Don't miss this chance to begin growing in your faith!

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**DEVOTIONALS -- WRITERS NEEDED!!!** Our **"Resolve to Live It"** program will kick off in January with a series of messages and events designed to encourage us to live out our faith as Christians and Methodists. Part of this program will be a book of devotionals for all to use. We're seeking contributions from YOU. These can be stories, devotionals, poems, or inspiring messages. The four themes of our program will be supporting our church through:

Our Prayers ----- Our Presence ----- Our Gifts ----- Our Service

The devotional booklet will be organized around these themes. Sharing your written inspiration is a great way to give a piece of your heart to our church family. Please prayerfully consider what inspiration you can provide to others to be resolved to live out our faith in 2010. Then write up your devotionals and give/email them to Pat Cole ([wilsonandpat@comcast.net](mailto:wilsonandpat@comcast.net)), Julie Beem ([juliebeem@comcast.net](mailto:juliebeem@comcast.net)) or Jennifer in the church office ([secretary@powderspringsfumc.org](mailto:secretary@powderspringsfumc.org)) no later than Friday, December 18.

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### Spiritual Gifts Lecture with Reverend Dr. Phil Schroeder



Rev. Dr. Phil Schroeder, the Associate Director and Church Consultant for Connectional Ministries with the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church, will be our guest speaker on **Sunday, January 31, 9:50 am - 11:00 am in the Chapel Building.**

All are invited to hear Dr. Schroeder speak about our "Spiritual Gifts." Dr. Schroeder's focus is existing church development. He provides empowerment and guidance to half of the five ministry areas: Outreach, Parish Life, and Witness; and he is a recognized consultant on all aspects of local church life. He is the author of several books, teacher of Religious Leadership and Administration, and a national "DISCIPLE Bible Study" trainer. You will certainly enjoy Dr. Schroeder's presentation manner (one of the funniest men in the North Georgia Conference) but with a real and meaningful message. Come discover your spiritual gifts and have fun doing so.

This year's Stewardship Campaign closed on November 8, and we are pleased to report that it was a great success! As a church family we exemplified the campaign's theme through our generous, giving spirit.

By final count, the estimates of giving received totaled \$315,482 toward Powder Spring First United Methodist Church's operating budget for the coming fiscal year. These figures represent an increase of just under 13.5% or \$37,462 above last year's pledges. The amount was given to our Finance Committee and a formal budget will be drafted and presented to the Church Council for final approval in December. Please note that it is never too late to turn in your estimate of giving card!

*Generosity*



It is our hope and prayer that this year's campaign touched the hearts and lives of each one of you. The Stewardship Committee thank you for your support during this campaign, and we thank God for giving us all a home and an opportunity to serve in this great church.

**A HABIT OF HEART™**

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie A. Banks".

Julie Banks, Stewardship Chairperson

## Welcome To Our New Members!

Mr. Casey Babin  
4571 Ridgeview Drive  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
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Ms. Janet L. Moore  
4570 Caleb Crossing  
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Greg & Angela Morrison and Cameron  
4182 Misty Morn Way  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
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Mike & Gina Richman and Cooper  
5209 Carrington Park Drive  
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Pictures to Follow

## Welcome To Our New Babies!

**CONGRATULATIONS to Billy Dunn** on the birth of his granddaughter, Ashley Morgan McVey. She was born on September 14, 2009

**Mason Connally Westmoreland** was born Nov. 11, 2009. He weighed 8 lbs 9 oz and was 21 inches long. The proud family is Patrick, Melissa and Peyton Westmoreland.



The grandparents are Dale & Judy Westmoreland, Jimmy & Anita Connally.

The Great-Grandparents are Al & Ann Connally, Kenneth & June Williams, Henry & Mary Westmoreland.



## Knight's Round Table

*"Church Covered Dish"*

FROM 1913 TO 2009--A CELEBRATION OF JOY

The year 1913 was coming to an end. People were still talking about the sinking of the Titanic in 1912. Mr. Ford had invented the automobile, and assembly lines for its mass production were in place. Woodrow Wilson had become president at a time when the entire country was pulsating from conflicting social dynamics, and World War I was pending. All this, however, did not alter the holiday happiness of my grandparents.

William enjoyed his job as a first class furniture and cabinet maker in Waco, TX, where they had moved from Alabama. He and Laura had just celebrated their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and life was good. After losing three children, two babies and a ten-year old daughter, they now had two children at the same time, a five-year-old girl who would someday become my mother and her three-year-old brother.

When the formal engraved invitation came for the Christmas celebration hosted by the nearby Herring Avenue Methodist Church, they were so pleased. They could not know that this would be their last Christmas together. The following year, William became ill and died in November; he was 47 years old. With the help of her brother, Laura moved their belongings, William's body, and her two children back to Alabama and buried him there. When she remarried and her husband moved them to Florida, the little card moved again.

When my mother died, the invitation in its tiny envelope moved to Georgia with me. I found the answer for its formality in *The Story of Methodism* by Frederick A. Norwood. He says the People called Methodist in this country at that time were becoming middle class and wanted that reflected in their church life. He writes, "They wanted to hear more polished sermons. They wanted to improve the quality of music. In all of these aspects, they wanted to put on a better show than the Presbyterians and the Baptists. The pressures were growing for more and better publications, for church-sponsored colleges, for a more carefully educated ministry."

At some point, the Herring Avenue Methodist Church in Waco, TX was disbanded, I found out from my research. Almost a century later, though, the little card connects us to a Methodist congregation that celebrated Christmas there. We have become the United Methodist Church, and we are not so formal now, but like our forbears, we will again celebrate the birth of the Christ child this year with beautiful trees, singing and entertainment. Times passes, but the message is the same: Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

*Mary Knight*

The Officers, Teachers and Members  
of  
Herring Avenue Methodist Sunday School  
extend to you a most cordial invitation  
to attend their  
Christmas Tree and Entertainment  
Thursday night, December twenty-fifth  
Nineteen Hundred Thirteen  
seven-thirty o'clock

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

As we move into the holiday season, the Preschool halls have been brightly decorated with several different art activities. The creativity of our teachers and the beautiful work by the children is evident everywhere you look. If you get a chance, take a walk through the Preschool and see how talented “our kids” are.

We are looking forward to learning more about Jesus and his birth in Chapel and in our classrooms this month. We will celebrate with a Christmas Book Swap. The children bring in a wrapped book and place it in a stack with the other wrapped books. As their name is drawn, they select a book – but it can't be the one they brought. I will let parents know that it might be a good idea to buy two copies—one to share and one to give away. By having the book swap, we are hoping to encourage the children to “read” and have the parents read to them. Literacy starts at an early age, so we are doing our best to help.

The preschool is closed for Christmas for 2 weeks, returning on January 5. When we return, we will begin the discussion of winter and all things associated with it, including snow. A light dusting would really help to reinforce that particular topic. Donuts for Dads will take place in January when we will show our fathers how much we love them. From all the staff and children of the Preschool, we wish you a very Merry Christmas!! *Rene' Dae, Director*



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

### Powder Springs FUMC Kids

**Mark your calendars for Wednesday, December 9, 6:15-8:15 p.m.!!**

We will be having a Christmas Movie Night with music, snacks, crafts and games along with the movie.

Please join us and bring your friends!! RSVP to Candy DeHart at [children@powderspringsfumc.org](mailto:children@powderspringsfumc.org).



Children's Ministries is in need of volunteers for all children's activities!

All of the lessons are easy to use and well planned out for you.

Please contact me at the above email address.....*Candy*.

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS



### DECEMBER

- Youth Council -- December 6 at 3:30 p.m.

- Destination Unknown -- December 6

- Youth Babysitting Fundraiser -- December 12 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This is a great fundraiser opportunity for our Group. Youth need to sign up to work--It will take us all.

Money will go toward the cost of transportation for our Summer Camp. We need adult volunteers in order to conform to the requirements of Safe Sanctuary requirements.

- Youth Choir Performance -- December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

- Building Open House -- December 14 from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

All of our Church Family is invited to come by for some refreshments and see how blessed and thankful the youth group is to have our facilities.

- Church-wide Christmas Caroling -- December 20 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Caroling will be our youth gathering for this Sunday.

- NO MYF - December 27 -- Enjoy your gift of Jesus and create special memories with family and friends.

### JANUARY

- Lock -In - January 2

YIPPEE SKIPPEE!! I am so excited about our Lock-In. The band “*Dear Savannah*” will be performing.

A guest speaker will bring a message to encourage our spiritual growth at the start of a New Year.

And, of course, games, laughter, food, laughter, destination unknown, laughter, sleep...NOT!!!

- Confirmation Sunday School Class begins January 24 for our 6th graders and others who have not been through confirmation.

No Regrets!

## Our Faithfulness Year to Date Through October 31, 2009

Total Needed for Budget: \$428,334 Total Received for Budget: \$323,273

### Contributions Made in Honor Of:

*Jim & Shelby Morris, from*

Paul & Donna Anderson, Mary Andia, Bill & Nancy Arnold, David & Sharliss Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Atkins, Julie Banks, Dot Baxter, Frank & Mary Jo Boyd, Martha Bright, Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Buchanan, Gene & Lynda Buice, Bob Burkette, Alidean Carter, Richard & Susanne Collins, Al & Ann Connally, Joyce Corn, Carol Cornett, Mike & Rene' Dae, Carolyn Edwards, Rev. Jimmy & Sally Ford, Jack & Lorraine Frady, Joyce Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. Russell Garmon, Nevin & Forrestine Gilpatrick, Erick & Jennifer Graham, Jim & Kathryn Groover, Barbara Guthrie, Ruth Harris, Bill & Debbie Harrison, Manning & Movel Hatcher, Dean Hitchcock, Dick & Sylvia Huber, Opal Isley, Bobby Jordan, Jim & Carolyn King, Mary Knight, Ann Landrum, Homer Lee, Stella Leggett, Mike & Dot Lott, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Martin, Chuck & Alfreda Miller, Nell Montgomery, Chip & Anne Moore, Janet Moore, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Morrow, Molly Musgrove, Maglean Oglesby, Betty Pearson, Maynard & Carolyn Piper, De Porter, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Powell, Rev. Grafton & Carol Pressley, Chuck & Teresa Preston, Junior Proctor, Katie Puckett, Wilbur & Ruth Reid, Betty Robinson, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Sailors, Julie Sander, John & Brooke Skelton, Betty Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Bobby Smith, Dale & Judy Westmoreland, Virginia Wheeler, Logan Woodall

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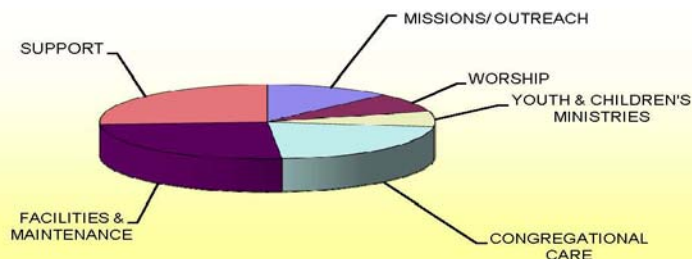
*Nell Chandler, from Susan Long; R.E. Long, from Barbara Guthrie; and Wendell K. Sellers, from Randolph Atcheson*

## POWDER SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### 2009 NARRATIVE BUDGET REPORT

January - October 2009

	BUDGET		SPENDING	
<b>MISSIONS/OUTREACH</b>	<b>\$52,780</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>\$ 45,091</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
This portion of the budget encompasses our opportunities to witness to the community and the world to make disciples for Christ. We witness locally and to the world through 100% payment of our Apportionments as well as donations to Sweetwater Valley C. A. M. P., MUST Ministries, Murphy-Harpst, the Central Conference Pension Initiative, Campus Outreach, and others.				
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<b>\$47,606</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>\$ 30,959</b>	<b>8.4%</b>
This portion includes Music and Music Staff Salaries, Worship Supplies and Church Literature.				
<b>YOUTH &amp; CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$56,637</b>	<b>11.2%</b>	<b>\$ 24,149</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
This budget helps offset youth activities such as Big Stuff. It includes Salaries for Youth Minister and Children's Director, Safe Sanctuary, Scouting, VBS, Children's Ministry and Preschool.				
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CARE</b>	<b>\$93,957</b>	<b>18.6%</b>	<b>\$ 79,210</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
Congregational Care includes the Salary and Professional Expenses of the Pastor, Stephen's Ministry, Stewardship, Senior Adult Ministry, Family Ministry, Women's Ministry and Annual Conference.				
<b>FACILITIES &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$108,667</b>	<b>21.5%</b>	<b>\$ 93,892</b>	<b>25.4%</b>
Trustees administer this budget which includes care and maintenance of the Facilities, Utilities, Insurance, IT and Vehicle Operations.				
<b>SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$146,567</b>	<b>29.0%</b>	<b>\$ 95,878</b>	<b>26.0%</b>
The support budget includes the Pastor's Pension and Insurance, Support Staff Salaries, Payroll Service, FICA, SPR Expense, Office Supplies, Postage, Communications, Leadership Training, Financial Reporting and Contingency.				
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$506,214</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$369,179</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL CHURCH INCOME</b>			<b>\$ 323,273</b>	
<b>CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>			<b>\$ 33,324</b>	







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~ Christ's bride, the Church, lives forever...  
Remember your church in your will. ~



To our amazing church family at PSFUMC...Thank you so much for your prayers, gifts, and hard labor. We have appreciated every single bit!!! We still feel your prayers at work in our lives. God has blessed us many times over with His love through your efforts. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!. God Bless you all!...*Love Larry and Roxy Cupp.*

Thank you to all our church family for your phone calls, cards, food, and most of all for the many prayers that have gone out for Herb. There are still some challenges ahead of us, so we ask that you continue to pray. *We love you all...Herb and Nancy Rish..*

Thank you so much for your prayers, phone calls, and cards. It means so much to know that our church family was there to support and love us during this difficult time of my mother's passing. *The Strong Family.*

Back-to-Basics Sunday School Class raised \$331.30 at Trunk or Treat dinner. They sent \$100 to CAMP; sent 5 boxes to Zimbabwe; made 4 bags of groceries; and bought 1 box containing Christmas candy for kids.

Art by Aslan (Libby). Have you seen Libby Beem's art work? Libby is using her artistic talent to create some beautiful greeting cards that she is selling in a package of 5 for \$5. All of the proceeds from the sale of these cards will go to Sweetwater Valley Christian Aid Mission Partnership (C.A.M.P.) in Austell, GA. Sweetwater CAMP operates a food and clothing pantry and other assistance to families throughout Southwest Cobb County. Card sets are available at the Welcome Center.

**Holiday Special...Two for the Price of One.** Interested in saving up to 10% off your insurance premium? A Driver's Safety Course is held monthly in the Chapel Building. Contact course instructor, Ange' Rae, for information or to register at 770.222.1118.

**Please send Bulletin Board updates and articles**

for the February/March Love Notes to secretary@powderspringsfumc.org by January 11.