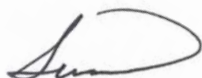


 Powder Springs Love Notes
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Proclaim and Live the Truth in Jesus' Name

Rev. Susan Gary Ashe, Senior Pastor

Our friend in ministry, Jasmine, will be a Reverend soon. So, this page is given over to her by way of celebration and appreciation for all she has been to us here in Powder Springs. We love you Jasmine!



And now, a word from Jasmine herself to all of us:

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Time has flown by and the summer is upon us already! As the seasons change outside, the seasons are changing at PSFUMC as well. Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven..." God directs each of our seasons and God is directing my season here at PSFUMC to a close.

When I came to PSFUMC almost 3 ½ years ago, it was definitely a God directed move. I must declare: **"To God be the glory, for the things He has done!"** God has truly ordered and blessed our time together and for that I am truly grateful. You have invited me into your homes and your lives and you have been so generous to me. I will forever count you among the many blessings in my life.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the flexibility to pursue my studies.

- On May 12, I will graduate from Emory University's Candler School of Theology with a Master of Divinity degree.
- On June 17, I will be commissioned as a Probationary Elder in the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church.
- In late June, I will begin my first full time appointment as a minister in the United Methodist Church.

I will always be grateful for the way that you encouraged and supported me along my journey; I can not believe that this time has come so soon!

Sunday, June 15 will be my final worship service with you in my current capacity. Please do all that you can to support the Youth Ministry and all the ministries of our church during this time of transition. The SPRC is hard at work at finding my successor and they have a great transition plan in the works! Please support and love the person that God is sending to lead you to the next level!

Continue to pray for the Youth Ministry of our church and for me. I will continue to pray for you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve at PSFUMC!

With love and gratitude,



Rev. Susan Ashe & Min. Jasmine Smothers

Reverend Susan

invites

*all 2008 college graduates
of Powder Springs First United Methodist Church
to coffee and conversation
Sunday, June 8 at 7:00pm
at Starbucks in Hiram on Highway 278.*

RSVP to Reverend Susan at pastor@powderspringsfumc.org

Graduation is almost here...

and it is our honor to recognize our graduates on May 18 at the 10:55 a.m. service.

We need your information (name, future plans and photo) to the Church Office, by Friday, May 9.

Preschool Registration

The preschool still has openings for the 2008-09 school year. We are registering ages 1 thru 4 for programs that range from twice a week to five days a week.

If you have a child, grandchild or know a neighbor child who could benefit from the preschool experience, please give me a call at 770.439.6145 and ask for Rene' Dae.

Putting Our Children First Initiative

Be a part of the **Putting Our Children First Initiative**. Help us prepare the new Preschool classrooms on June 5-7. More information will be forthcoming but in the meantime let a Trustee know that you want to be a part of a project that makes a difference in the lives of children and our church.

Congratulations to our Confirmands who were received into the church on Palm Sunday, March 16.

Pictured left to right:

Front row: Maddux Graham, Brandi Kessloff, Ema Rainwater, Morgan Ooten, and Clayton Laird

Back row: Jake Preston, Rev. Susan Ashe, Min. Jasmine Smothers, Charles Haynes, and Becca Cupp.



Summer Gifts

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. (Isaiah, 54: 10)

Ask most any teacher or student how many days left until summer vacation and I'll bet they'll be able to give you a very precise number. Yes, the school year is almost at an end and summer vacation is around the corner. Some families will head off to the beach, others to the mountains, some may even head abroad. Some will be gone only a few days, while others will be away most of the summer break. Whatever your summer plans are, rest assured that your church family will be praying for your safe travels and return.

You can also rest assured that your church will continue serving its members and community. In addition to just keeping up with the usual things, there will be two music camps offered, as well as a Vacation Bible School. These events have historically been incredible outreach opportunities for us. The Youth group will remain busy, as will a number of our other ministries that operate year round. What that means is that we need for each of you to remain faithful with your giving throughout the summer, particularly if you're going to be away. Please remember your church giving in your vacation planning, making sure you have a way to get your gift to us. Our God is always faithful to us. Let's show Him our gratitude by continuing to give generously to His church, enabling it to do His good work. Thank you...and happy vacationing!



There will be a Blood Drive in honor of Hank Pitts on June 1, beginning at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Welcome to our newest members!

Victoria Speer, pictured here
with son, Evan.



Dennis, Jackie, Daniella,
Dennis and Michael Korwek.



- Our family is thankful for the cards and food from our church family. We love you dearly!
The Smiths and The Woods
- May is Sunday School teacher appreciation month.
- ADULTS, we need you! We are in need of Children's Church volunteers. Contact the Church Office to volunteer.
- If you are interested in helping with the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings, please contact Dot Lott at 770.943.2290.
- If you would like to join the Welcome Neighbors Visitation Group on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m., please contact Dee Kendrick at 770.422.5480.
- The Junior Choir will rehearse Saturday, May 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Historic Chapel.
- Our Youth Choir will have their spring performance Sunday, May 18 at the 10:55 a.m. service. Our Junior Choir will have their spring performance on May 18 at 4:00 p.m. in the Historic Chapel. Please join us for these special events!
- Sun Valley Beach's 11th Annual Celebration to benefit Sweetwater CAMP (Community Action Mission Program) is Sunday, May 18 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and includes an all you can eat buffet. For ticket information, please call 770.819.0662 ext. 11.
- MEN, plan to join us for "A Real Men's Weekend," June 20-22. Come relax and reflect on our blessings and share some "real" time of faith and fellowship with other men of God. Please contact Scott Cupp at 678.618.1610 for information.
- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day and on July 7 for Independence Day.



WOMEN OF FAITH
INFINITE GRACE
CONFERENCE 2008

Find out what it's like to really LIVE!
Friday 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

ATLANTA, GA
SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2008
PHILIPS CENTER

FEATURING



L-R: Allison Allen, Sandi Parry, Sheila Walsh,
Patsy Clairmont, Nicole C. Mullen, Luci Swindoll,
Marilyn Meberg, Max Lucado

RELAX! Join us and learn why you can stop trying so hard.
Come and see what it can mean to rest in God's amazing,
unequaled, INFINITE GRACE!

"And God is able to make all grace abound to you. That
always having all sufficiency in everything,
you may have an abundance for every good deed."
II Corinthians 9:8

Julie Banks, Group Leader
404-229-2057 or tiggersjule@bellsouth.net
pricing info: \$45 - \$99

Spring Chicken Run 2008

Although the forecast called for rain, by the start of the 6th annual Chicken Run 5K, the sun was poking out from behind the clouds. It was a perfect morning for the event! The Chicken Run is an annual event and all proceeds benefit Sweetwater Valley CAMP (Community Action Ministry Program). The PSFUMC team was 17-people strong (including several "phantom runners")! We're looking forward to next year's Spring Chicken Run – we hope you'll join us!

Congratulations Runners!



To the Youth of PSFUMC

My Babies! I can not believe how much you have grown over the years. It has been my joy to watch you grow in the love of the Lord. I have enjoyed coming to your games and your plays. I have enjoyed playing and working with you. I have enjoyed watching you grow into the people that God is calling you to be. We have great memories that we will always share together!

I expect that you will continue to grow in God. I expect that you will continue to strive for excellence in all that you do. I expect that you will instill the great love of God that is evident in our Youth Group in the ones that are coming into our family. I expect that you will LOVE the one who will come as your new leader. I expect that you will continue to thrive!

God says that there is a time for everything - my time to move on is now. I will miss you all terribly. I will continue to pray for you daily and I hope you will do the same for me. Until we meet again...

I Love you forever,

JROSE 😊

POWDER SPRINGS
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S

GRIP IT & RIP IT!
GOLF TOURNAMENT



Proceeds to benefit
POWDER SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

August 4, 2008

9:00am

(range opens at 7:00am)

Creekside Golf & Country Club

www.creeksidegolf.com

Sponsorship Opportunities

"Friends of the Tourney" Sponsor - \$1,000

- One foursome package including green & cart fees
- Lunch buffet sponsor w/banner and remarks at awards program
- Company logo or name on placard in each golf cart
 - Hole signs w/company logo or name
- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course

Elite Sponsor - \$500

- One foursome package including green & cart fees
- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course

Platinum Sponsor - \$300

- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course

Gold Sponsor - \$200

- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course

Silver Sponsor - \$100

- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course

Bronze Sponsor - Merchandise/Gift Certificates

- Company logo or name on tournament banner at golf course



Mark Your Calendars

- May 11: No UMYF – Happy Mother’s Day
- May 16-17: **Brasstown Bald Bike Century Fundraiser**
- May 18: **Youth Choir Performs** at 10:55 a.m.; Choir Celebration at 12:15 p.m.
- May 18: UMYF Council Meets at 3:00 p.m.
- May 18: **UMYF END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION at 5:00 p.m.**
- May 23: **Cobb and Paulding Last Day of School**
- May 25: **Memorial Day Weekend** – No UMYF
- May 28: Big Stuf Counselors Meet at 6:30 p.m.



- June 1: **Big Stuf Preparation Meeting at 12:15 p.m.**
- June 6-10: **Big Stuf Beach Retreat in Panama City Beach**
- June 15: **Youth Celebration Sunday**
- June 22: **New Student Welcome Pool Party** at 4:00 p.m.
- June 29: Youth Usher at 10:55 a.m. Worship
- June 29: UMYF Council Meets at 3:30 p.m.

July 6, 13, 20, and 27:
Summer Sundays ~ Times and Locations TBA



Looking Ahead

- Sunday, August 3: Summer Sunday
- Monday, August 4: “Grip It and Rip It” Golf Tournament
- Saturday, August 9: Extravaganza
- Sunday, August 17: UMYF Council Meets
- Sunday, August 17: UMYF Returns
- Wednesday, August 20: Wednesday Night Program Begins
- Sunday, August 31: Youth Usher at 10:55 a.m. Worship Service

Grip It & Rip It!

This tournament has the potential to make several thousands of dollars to fund the youth group’s activities for the 2008-2009 school year. The vast majority of this money is made through soliciting sponsorships. So we are asking all youth and all parents of youth to participate in this part of the tournament. **Packets with all of the information you need were given out on Sunday, May 4.**

If you did not pick up your packet, they are in the Welcome Center.
The Golf Steering Committee will meet on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 104.

Register for all events at: www.psfumcyouth.org

OUR FAITHFULNESS

YEAR TO DATE Through May 4

Total Received to Date for Budget	\$ 159,404.00
Total Needed to Date	\$ 181,039.50
Total Received to Date for Building Fund	\$ 2,135.00

Contributions made in honor of:

Katherine Arnold

Mr. & Mrs. David Arnold

John, Brooke, Alex & Eric Skelton

Mr. & Mrs. William Patterson

Stephen Ministry Leadership Training

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Huber

Please be in prayer for:

We extend our deepest Christian sympathy to Crystal Pitts and her family in the loss of her mother, Virginia Fiese; to Manning and Movel Hatcher and their family in the loss of Manning's sister; to Bobby & Misty DeCoux and their family in the loss of Misty's mother, Irene Keyes; and to the family of Mr. Bob Smith, the father of Stacey Wood and Steve Smith and former husband of Betty Smith. May God hold you in the palm of His hand during this time of grief.

Our Church Family

Katherine Arnold, Sharliss Arnold, Libby Beem, DeLane Bodiford, Carmen Cobb, Al & Ann Connally, George & Linda Crusselle, Kevin Dae, The DeCoux Family, Roy & Elaine Harcourt, Dick & Sylvia Huber, William James, Lavinia Lindley, R.E. Long, Renee' Manley, Cathy Moore, Heather Norton, Margaret Pulk, Pattie Rich, The Smith Family, Maria Vinhateiro, The Wood Family.

Our Extended Family

Gervace Adams, Terry Arnold, John C. Atcheson, Brody Bates, Hailey Bennett, Tyler Blevins, Cindy Bodiford, Josh & Christy Dixon and Haley, Shane Everett and Family, Sherlon Freeman, Patsy Grayson, Dick Hagman and Family, Becky Hansen, Javola Kellett, Emery Ann Patterson, Emily Piper, Noel Roberds, Jessica Shortt, Mallory Smith and Family, Brittany Thomas, Mike Turner & Family, Kenneth Williams.

Our Military Personnel & Families

Jarrold Bailey, Daniel Van Buren, Joe Crane, Andrew Fulton, A. Hopkins, Cale Long, Robert Rish, Clay Stokes.

Contributions made in memory of:

Shirley Addison

Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Long

Maxine Barrington

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Buice

Charles Beem

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Frady

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Preston

Virginia Fiese

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Frady

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Manley

Mrs. Crystal Pitts

The Friendly Fellowship Class

The Kitchen Committee

Betty Gregory

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Buice

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Frady

Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Long

Claire Griffin

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Preston

Ms. Diane Shallenberger

Irene Keyes

Mr. & Mrs. Chip Moore

Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Long

Mr. Jimmy Meadows

Ms. Maglean Oglesby

Mr. & Mrs. Lewis and Inez Miers

Hank Pitts

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Huber

Mrs. Crystal Pitts

Laurie Skelton

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Frady

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Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Long

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Preston

Bob Smith

Mr. & Mrs. Gene Buice

Mr. & Mrs. R.E. Long

Mr. & Mrs. Chip Moore

Ms. Maglean Oglesby

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Vick

Alan Williams

Ms. Peggy Chastain

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Huber

Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Preston

Happy Birthday to:

May 2 Michael Laird
Jan Mach
Margaret Pulk

May 3 Ryan Lott

May 4 Bobby DeCoux

May 6 Willie Robinson

May 8 Opal Isley
Katie Kozee

May 10 Andie Ashe

May 12 Michael Honiker

May 13 Meling Mercier
Yusiana Tjoeng

May 14 Carol Gill
Morgan Ooten
Ann Piper

May 16 Virginia Wheeler

May 19 Nell Chandler

May 20 Madison Hanson

May 21 Carl Moon

May 22 Shannon Kozee

May 23 Bo Dunn

May 24 Lloyd Leinbaugh

May 26 Renee' Manley
Katie Pflugradt
Dot Williams
Logan Woodall

May 27 Donald Haynie
Amanda Paintin

May 29 Sharliss Arnold

May 30 Elizabeth Guthrie

May 31 Misty DeCoux
MarcyThayer

June 1 Lisa Long

June 3 Shyah Cox
Mike Kozee
Betty Robinson
Brenda Strong

June 9 Erick Graham

June 11 Crystal Killingsworth

June 13 Carter LaPrad
Betty Smith
Anna Willis

June 14 Mary Lou Killingsworth

June 15 Anne Moore

June 16 Catherine Anderson

June 18 Diane Kinsey

June 19 Elana Newman
Jackie Piper
Jamie Piper

June 20 Gregg Kessloff
Stacy Troutt

June 21 Manny Provenzano

June 22 Robbie Ooten

June 23 Luke Hudson
Brenda Smith

June 24 Cassie Race

June 25 Chloe Ashe

June 27 Keith Piper

June 28 Maddux Graham
Carolyn King

June 29 Kinsey Simpson

June 30 Jim Groover
Michelle Pritchett

July 1 Julie Beem

July 2 Trevor Freeman
Justin Thayer

July 3 Nancy Rish

July 4 Jacob Farmer
Angela Moon

July 5 Tripp Norton
Corey Stokes

July 7 R. E. Long

July 9 Gay Lynn Toth

July 10 Kendall Abbott

July 12 Doug Cantrell

July 13 Wilson Cole
Greg Seagraves

July 14 Isabella Guthrie
Cathy Kozee
Sam Wells

July 15 Mike Dae
Jane Freeman
Teresa Preston
Catherine Taylor

July 17 Sifa Hanson
Laura Troutt

July 18 Kelly Abbott
Izaak Cox
Cindy Singleton

July 19 T.J. Harmon

July 20 Conrad Abbott
Nani-Grace Arnold
Helen Spratlin
Tony Toth

July 21 Claudia Lee Haynes
Steve Paintin

July 24 Kim Shadeck

July 25 Cindy Dunn

July 26 Dick Huber
Betty Pearson

July 28 Kim Cox

July 30 Karen Palmer
Grant Rainwater

July 31 Daniel Toth

Happy Anniversary to:

May 9 Steve & Mary Shallenberger

May 10 John & Dee Kendrick

May 19 Mike and Renee' Dae
Robert & Greta Farmer

May 20 Danny & Dana Willis

May 24 Bill & Debbie Harrison

May 25 Steve & Amanda Paintin

May 27 Lloyd & Helen Leinbaugh

May 28 Scott & Joshilyn Winn

May 31 Tom & Cassie Race

June 7 Tom & Kim Adams

June 9 Wilbur & Ruth Reid
Branson & Amy Wood

June 10 Charles & Ashley Harrison
Chip & Anne Moore

June 15 Scott & Barbara Cupp

June 18 Ron & Bobbie Bennett

June 19 Scott & Lisa Long

June 20 Marc & Karen Thayer

June 22 Jason & Michelle Pritchett

June 25 Gregg & Sandi Kessloff

July 11 Todd & Jane Freeman

July 15 Russell & Stacey Wood

July 19 Tom & Mary Lou Killingsworth

July 21 Jimmy & Sally Ford
Matt & Renee' Manley

July 22 Chuck & Teresa Preston

July 24 Steve & Brenda Smith

July 26 Mike & Cathy Kozee

July 27 Garry & Diane Kinsey

July 29 Richard & Susanne Collins

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Sunday Worship

Traditional worship is held at 8:30 a.m. with a contemporary service at 10:55 a.m. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion is served the first Sunday of every month. A nursery is provided for your convenience during these services. Each service has its own style of worship and we encourage you to visit both of them.

Worship Forecast:

Sunday, May 11 <i>"Get in the Spirit"</i> Acts 2: 1-21	Sunday, May 18 <i>"Get Going!"</i> Matthew 28: 16-20	Sunday, May 25 <i>"One Things Leads to Another"</i> Matthew 6: 24-34	Sunday, June 1 <i>"The Terrible Fall"</i> Matthew 7: 21-29
Sunday, June 8 <i>"Multi-tasking"</i> Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26	Sunday, June 15 Youth Sunday	Sunday, June 22 <i>"Family Fingerprints"</i> Matthew 10: 24-39	Sunday, June 29 <i>"When the Bad Do Some Good..."</i> Matthew 10: 40-42

19th Annual Music Camp

Angel Camp
 rising K—rising 2nd
June 2—6

Junior Camp
 rising 3rd—rising 6th
June 23—27

- ☺ 8:30 am until 12:00 pm daily
- ☺ Cost is \$15.00 per child/family cap of \$45.00.
- ☺ Enrollment limited to first 60 for each camp.
- ☺ Register online at www.psfumc.org or mail form to: PSFUMC; Attn: Music Camp
- ☺ Campers will be accepted on a first come/first serve basis if slots are still available.
- ☺ For information, please contact, Brenda Smith, our camp coordinator, at 770.425.2665.

You are invited to our Beach Party!

When: July 28-31, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Who: Age 2 by June 1, 2008 thru completed 6th grade

Take a vacation? Why? 'Cause this year at VBS we're going Surfin' Through the Scriptures. So put on your suit, grab your surfboard and towel, and get ready for a great time with music, crafts, and snacks while we learn about Jesus. We'll begin with a Kick-Off on Sunday, July 27, to get everyone in the mood (more details to come). Registration Forms will be at the Welcome Center table very soon.

Youth and Adult Volunteers are needed to make this a fun time for everyone. We will need Teachers, Floaters, Decorators, Cookie Helpers to Bring and Serve, Music and Craft Helpers, and Everyone who would like to just come and pitch in wherever needed. There will be a Nursery available for all those helping to make VBS a wonderful time for God's children!!! Watch for a Sign-Up Sheet at the Welcome Center or see someone on the Children's Council for more information. Thanks for your help and smiles! Now, come on, let's go surfin'!

