

Love Notes

Each year pastors all over North Georgia are moved to their new church to serve, and the rest are welcomed back to their home churches. Our Reverend Susan is remaining with us and we are celebrating. Welcome Back, Reverend Susan!

Welcome Back, Reverend Susan



Connections....

...Young people graduating from high school... I can see their family and church connections standing behind them, proudly cheering them on to their next steps.

...The Board of Ordained Ministry gathered at Simpsonwood... I can see women and men who have heard God calling them to ministry, coming before the Elders of our Conference charged with considering their readiness. I beam with pride as these brave souls promise to go wherever they are sent in order to “give them Christ”, knowing it is our connection that will help them get to the right place!

And when I hear of retired United Methodist pastors in some of our poorest nations who have given sometimes 40 years of service as pastors in their community who are living on one meal a day under the shelter of a grass hut, I wonder what happened to the connection. How did they fall through the cracks?

Our General Conference thought the same thing and has pledged to right this wrong. We are taking a special offering, at the urging of our Bishops, which will ensure the dollars to care for these suffering retired pastors. They must see that they are not forgotten in this connection.

Our goal is to supply \$60 per quarter per family, \$240 per year. That is not a lot, but it will be life changing for these persons and in turn, will also help support their villages as these dollars are spent in their area. Additionally, one generous Georgian donor has given \$500,000 toward this cause, and if all the rest of us in Georgia will match it, they will give another \$500,000 and match any overage as well!

Won't you be an active part of this connection? I have made a 3 year pledge myself, over and above my tithe given to Powder Springs First United Methodist Church. You will have your chance to give on June 7 during our regular worship services on Sunday morning. Then our gifts will be added to the gifts from individuals and churches all over this North Georgia Conference at our annual gathering in Athens June 15-18.

Join in the connection with me, and let's see what God will do!

Yours in Christ,



Vacation Bible School
July 6-9 ~ 9 am - 12 pm

IT'S TIME FOR A SAFARI!

If you would like to help in one or more of the following areas, please contact Barbara Guthrie at 770.439.0412.



Bible Teaching
Missions Project
Skits

Crafts
Music
Snacks

Decorating
Prayer Support
Follow-Up

Publicity
Group Guide
Recreation Games

REGISTRATION

Register for VBS online at powderspringsfumc.org
or pick up a registration form at the Welcome Center.

Weekly Schedule

Sundays

- 8:45 am Traditional Worship Service
9:50 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Worship Service
5:00 pm Visitation Team

See page 5 for UMYF's summer schedule.

Wednesdays

- 9:30 am Visitation
6:15 pm Chancel Choir
7:15 pm Worship Choir,
every other week
8:15 pm Praise Band

Wednesday Fellowship has ended for the summer and will resume on August 19.

Dates to Remember

Angel Music Camp

June 9 - 12

Rising Kindergarten - Rising 2nd Grade
Register online or contact Brenda Smith
at 770.425.2665 for information.

Junior Music Camp

June 15 - 19

Rising 3rd - Rising 6th Grade
Register online or contact Brenda Smith
at 770.425.2665 for information.

Father's Day

June 21

Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, June 22 at 7 pm

Big Stuf Youth Retreat

June 28 - July 2
Panama City, Florida

Vacation Bible School

July 6 - 9
9 am - 12 pm

The Men's Club:

Invites all men to their next meetings Sunday,
June 14 and Sunday, July 12 at 7:45 am in the
Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served.

The Mary & Martha UMW Circle:

Will meet Thursday, June 18 and Thursday,
July 16 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.
All women are welcome.

Church Office Closed

July 6, July 13-16

FIRST News

Wanted: Loving, energetic person to fill the paid staff position of **Director of Children's Ministries**. 10-12 hours weekly. Contact Cassie Race (cassierace@comcast.net or 770.424.8230) or simply submit a letter of interest and resume by June 8.

The Ladies Softball Team is looking for players! Games are held on Saturday evenings at Wildhorse Creek Park. Cost TBA. We would love to have you join in on the fun. All ladies 14 and up are invited to come and play. We practice very little (if any at all), we have great fellowship and get a little exercise all at the same time :) If you and a friend would enjoy playing, let Brenda Smith (770-425-2665 or Beth Hill (404-502-1199) know. Please **register** at powderspringsfumc.org. **Let's have a great season!**

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Egg Hunt fun for all and a great outreach of our church. A special thank you to the youth for passing out invitations to the community. *Barbara Guthrie*

Learn a new skill--become a Sunday Morning Sound Technician! Contact Tom Adams at 770.355.5839 to start your training.

Visit PSFUMC's website at psfumc.com or powderspringsfumc.org.

Summer Lunch Program

It is a program that has been sponsored by MUST Ministries since 1995. During the summer months those children who are eligible to receive a reduced or free lunch during the school year are also given the opportunity to have a free lunch. Monday through Friday a child receives a sack lunch that contains a sandwich, chips, any assortment of vegetables or fruit, a dessert item and a juice box. Last year alone, they fed 1200 children daily, with that only being a small percentage of those who are in need.

How Can You Help?

Make a monetary donation to the missions committee to help offset the cost of supplies and non-perishable food.

Volunteer your group to:

Make sandwiches (the group will also need to purchase meat & bread)

Prepare the lunch bags with all other items

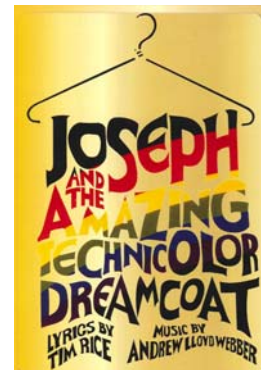
Deliver the lunches by 9 am to: Walker School; 700 Cobb Pkwy; Marietta

Children & Youth to help decorate the paper lunch bags. (Please see specifications)

If you are interested please call Beth Branan at 770.783.9196 for preparation guidelines and specifications.

You Don't Want to Miss This!

Please join us Friday, June 5 at 7 pm as PSFUMC welcomes The Coral Ambassadors, from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This youth choir's exciting program will consist of a formal concert and an abridged version of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Invite your family and friends!



Welcome to our newest members!



Kim Adams
5502 Muirwood Court
Powder Springs, GA 30127
770.943.6878



Dora Fortson
5730 Crabapple Drive
Mableton, GA 30126
678.294.6996



Our 2009 Confirmands, Remy DeCoux and Madison Simpson, pictured here with Youth Director June Rainwater and Reverend Susan.



Darlene Cann Evans
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Powder Springs, GA 30127
770.439.6849

Knight's Round Table

"The Bell"

I was a little red-haired girl, about six, swinging on my grandmother's porch, when I heard the bell. There were only two churches in the tiny Florida town, both painted white; one had a bell. My grandmother belonged to the one without a bell.

When I heard the bell, I asked, "Ma-ma, why is the Methodist bell ringing? It's not even Sunday!"

Looking very serious, she answered, "Somebody died. When anyone in this town dies, the Methodist bell always rings."

No one had a telephone, but people heard the bell and spread the news that a little girl had died. The cause of her death was something my grandmother and her neighbor on the other side of the sandy street did not share with me. They talked in low tones, as they gathered flowers for her funeral. There were no florists; everyone just came together with whatever they had blooming in their yards. My grandmother's contribution was a double arm load of the pink sweet peas that bloomed profusely over the white picket fence where I sometimes played with a bumble bee.

I went back to my swinging, feeling emotions new to me—a sadness and a connection to a little dead girl. I wondered what it felt like to be dead. It would be years before I heard the quote from one of John Donne's devotions that expressed how I felt that day--the quote made famous by Hemingway's novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

"No man is an island, entire of itself.....any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore, never send for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee".

I didn't know that other little girl's name or why she died, but I felt kinship to her, and I knew she was important to God, because that Methodist bell had rung for her, and everyone had gathered beautiful flowers for her when they heard the bell.

I didn't know about John Wesley either, or how he believed Methodists should show Christ's love to their neighbors and those who were hurting in the community outside the walls of their own church building. I didn't know that some day I would be part of such a church, but on the day the bell rang for a little dead girl, I was caught up in a profound Methodist moment that I have never forgotten.

Mary Knight



Preschool News



The preschool year has come to an end. We had so many wonderful times this past year as we watched these children grow, learn and play. With children ranging in ages from 1 to 4, we have seen everything from little ones succeeding in potty-training to those who can write their name now and count to 20. One little boy started the year hardly saying a word and he is so much more vocal now. Our hearts soar when he talks to us.



Saying good-bye to the children who will be going to kindergarten is always bittersweet. We are so proud of all they have learned but know that we will miss seeing their smiles every day. Fortunately, we have several children returning to us in August when school begins again, which is exciting. And certainly, our teachers will enjoy spending time with their families this summer and return in time to welcome the children back to preschool. We hope you all have a great summer, too!!

In His Service,

Rene Dae', Preschool Director

preschool@powderspringsfumc.org or 770.943.5869

Congratulations to our 2009 High School Graduates



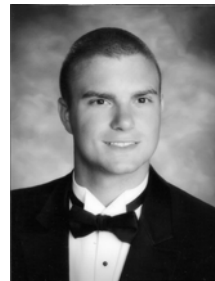
Kelly Dae



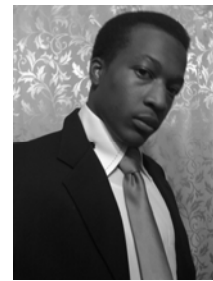
Christin Daniels



Chris Jones



Eric Miller



Niko Moore



Katie Pflugradt



Jill Richardson



Spence Rowe



Chelsea Stone



Laura Troutt

*Congratulations
to our 2009
College Graduates*



Ed Elliott



Sandi Kessloff



Anne Storrs

Mr. PSFUMC

Talk about blessings that are overwhelming and FUN!! I am speechless in so many ways when it comes to the outcome of our MR. PSFUMC. The voters brought in \$2,395 that will be used for our youth camp this summer. WOW – way more than I expected. It could not have been done without so many people participating in every way. Thanks to the Youth Council for running the whole show from make-up, voting jars, music/videos, and cooking/serving/cleaning up. Thanks to each ministry of the church that was brave enough to nominate a contestant. Thanks to all the fans who came out, watched and voted so generously with dollars. And most importantly, thanks to all the contestants who with much courage did everything we asked them to do – wear a bathing suit, perform a talent, model evening gowns while being asked questions and dance to the Macarena – all of which was done in heels and make-up. The most touching part to me was the wide range of groups represented - our whole church family came together! That's what is all about. Plus, my cheeks hurt from laughing so much. God is Good – ALL THE TIME!

.....NUAUNM! June



Mr. PSFUMC Crowned
Mr. Friendly Fellowship, Nevin Gilpatrick



UPCOMING EVENTS

UMYF

Sundays June 7 & Aug 2 ~ 4:30-6:30 pm ~ Youth Center
[No UMYF: June 21 ~ Father's Day & June 28 ~ Big Stuf]

Destination Unknown

Place and Cost TBA
June 14, July 5, July 19, July 26

Meet Me at the Pool

June 16, July 21, July 28, August 4 ~ 1 pm

Big Stuf

June 28-July 2

VBS

Sign-up to help with VBS. ~ July 6-9 ~ 9-12 PM

Sandwich Making Fest

July 8 ~ Time TBD
Make PB&J sandwiches for Summer Lunch Program

Welcome 6th Grade Pool Party

July 12 ~ 4-8 pm ~ More info to come!

Back to School Celebration

August 1

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts

Honorary "Knight for the Night" Presented by the Atlanta Dream and Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament – June 19, 2009

Atlanta Dream vs. Washington Mystics, Philips Arena
6:30 pm: "Knight for the Night" Event
7:30 pm: Atlanta Dream Tip-off

Join the Atlanta Dream for a night of celebration as the Knights of the Medieval Times fight, joust and role play prior to the Atlanta Dream game. Each Scout will be knighted and asked to cheer on their Knight as they battle for supremacy! Special Boy Scout and Cub Scouts Group Package Includes: Sign up early and receive a limited edition "Knight for the Night" scout badge, Each scout will be knighted and receive a crown and sword, A ticket to the Dream game on 6/19/2009, Troop will be recognized on the Jumbo-Tron, Sit together – cheer together! Deadline to Order: Friday, June 12. Contact Gregg for information.

Gregg Kessloff ~ Cub Scout Pack 723 ~ 678.200.4456

The Lord's love never ends; His mercies never stop. They are new every morning... (Lamentations 3:22-23 NCV)

This year's Women of Faith conference - A Grand New Day - will be held at the end of August. If you are planning to join us, remember that the deadline to let us know if June 10.

If you've never experienced a Women of Faith event, it's two days of worship, laughter, music, drama, and stories that will touch your heart. Invite your friends! If you would like to go, or for additional information, please contact Julie Banks, 404.229.2057, or tiggersjule@bellsouth.net, no later than Wednesday, June 10. Here are the details.

Dates: August 28-29, 2009 at Phillips Arena

Time: Friday 10:00 am - 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Cost: Premium seating: \$99 (10 or more); \$109 (up to 9)

Speakers/guests: Sandi Patty, Sheila Walsh, Patsy Clairmont, Luci Swindoll, Marilyn Meberg, Mandisa, Steven Curtis Chapman



Please Remember In Prayer

*We express our deepest Christian sympathy to Tom & Kim Adams, and their family, in the loss of Tom's father, Gervase;
And to Bob & DeLane Bodiford in the loss of their daughter-in-law, Cindy.*

Church Family Immediate Needs

Peggy Chastain, Jim Groover, Sylvia Huber, Julia Santalucia Krar, Steve & Mary Shallenberger, Branson Wood

Church Family Ongoing Needs

Katherine Arnold, Libby Beem, Ron & Bobbie Bennett, Bob Burkette, Carmen Cobb, Ann Connally,
Hayes Avery Findley, Dora Fortson, Jim Groover, Roy & Elaine Harcourt, Dick Huber, Mildred Kellett,
Lavinia Lindley, R.E. Long, Carrie Miller, Dusty Pitts and Family, Margaret Pulk, Wilbur & Ruth Reid, Gary Wiggins

Our Extended Family

John C. Atcheson, The Family of Brody Bates, Weston Crusselle & Family, Emery Ann Patterson,
Emily Piper, Lee Shallenberger, Mallory Smith, Steve Skelton, Trey Steed

Our Military Personnel & Families

Devin Brown, Daniel Van Buren, Andrew Fulton, Corey Hopkins, Cale Long, Robert Rish, Clay Stokes, James Watson

Happy Birthday

Happy Belated Birthday to Maria Vinhateiro. Her birthday was May 31.

June 1 Lisa Long
June 3 Shyah Cox, Mike Kozee,
Betty Robinson, Brenda Strong
June 5 Rita Dorsey
June 7 Taylor Cowan, Shannon Kirkpatrick
June 9 Erick Graham
June 10 Kelley Lockerman
June 12 Jerry Atcheson, Scott Gill
June 13 Darlene Cann Evans,
Carter LaPrad, Betty Smith,
Anna Willis
June 14 Mary Lou Killingsworth,
Steven Robertson, Jeff Wildey,
Chris Wizner
June 15 Anne Moore
June 16 Catherine Anderson
June 18 Diane Kinsey
June 19 Randy Harris, 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 26 Madilynn Pitts
June 27 Keith Piper
June 28 Maddux Graham, Carolyn King,
Tim Robertson

June 29 Kinsey Simpson
June 30 Debra Dorsey, Forrestine Gilpatrick,
Jim Groover, Michelle Pritchett
July 1 Julie Beem, Rodney Isley,
Mike Kirkpatrick, Darby Moody
July 2 Trevor Freeman, Justin Thayer
July 3 Nancy Rish
July 4 Angela Moon
July 5 Tripp Norton, Corey Stokes
July 6 Will Wizner
July 7 Diedri Cumbie, R.E. Long
July 10 Kendall Abbott
July 11 Tommy Vick
July 12 Doug Cantrell, Emily Kellett
July 13 Wilson Cole
July 14 Isabelle Guthrie, Cathy Kozee,
Sam Wells
July 15 Mike Dae, Jane Freeman,
Teresa Preston
July 17 Sifa Hanson, Laura Troutt
July 18 Kelly Abbott, Izaak Cox
July 19 David Cann, T.J. Harmon
July 20 Conrad Abbott, Nani-Grace Arnold,
Helen Spratlin
July 21 Claudia Haynes, Robby Long,
Steve Paintin
July 22 Dennis Judd
July 24 Kim Shadeck
July 25 Cindy Dunn
July 26 Dick Huber, Ashley Miller,
Denise Newman, Betty Pearson
July 28 Kim Cox, Michelle Dowell,
Zachery Rose
July 30 Karen Palmer, Grant Rainwater

July 31 Caleb Sullivan

Happy Anniversary

June 2 Russ & Mary Parker
June 4 Rayford & Loma Littlefield
June 7 Tom & Kim Adams
June 9 Wilbur & Ruth Reid
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 Lane & Lula Brown
Marc & Karen Thayer
June 21 Phil & Marsha Findley
Charles & Francis Leak
June 22 Jeff & Leigh Horn
Lawrence & Doyl Pitts
Jason & Michelle Pritchett
June 25 Gregg & Sandi Kessloff
July 10 Mark & Diedri Cumbie
July 11 Todd & Jane Freeman
July 15 Russell & Stacey Wood
July 17 Pat & Melissa Joe
July 19 Tom & Mary Lou Killingsworth
July 21 Jerry & Mary Atcheson
Rev. Jimmy & Sally Ford
Matt & Renee' Manley
July 22 Chuck & Teresa Preston
July 24 Steve & Brenda Smith
July 26 Mike & Cathy Kozee
July 27 Gary & Diane Kinsey
Chris & Penny Wizner
July 29 Richard & Susanne Collins

Contributions made in memory of

John F. Anderson

Gene & Lynda Buice, Jack & Lorraine Frady, Mary Knight

Amy Wood

Ron & Bobbie Bennett, Gene & Lynda Buice, Jack & Lorraine Frady,
Mary Knight, Branson Wood, Friendly Fellowship Class

Contributions made in honor of

The Skelton Family & Gray Skelton
William & Cecilia Patterson

Our Faithfulness

Year to Date

Through May 31, 2009

Total Received for Budget:
\$172,251.59

Total Needed for Budget:
\$214,170.00

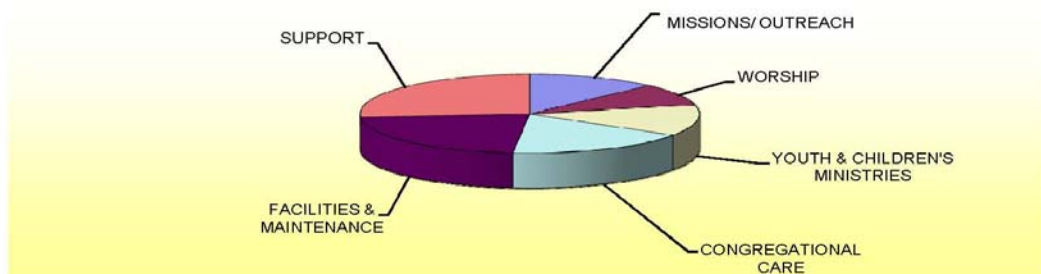
Did you know...A number of you have asked about the option to pay your tithe to the church electronically. We have looked into this a couple of times but the cost of providing that service is quite expensive. However, did you know that if you have online bill pay with your bank or credit union, you can schedule your tithe payment that way? While PSFUMC is not set up to accept payments electronically, most institutions will simply print and mail a check, accomplishing the same result. So consider using your online bill pay for your tithe – just one more way to “bring it to the storehouse”. *Your Finance Committee*

POWDER SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2009 NARRATIVE BUDGET REPORT

01 January through 29 April

	BUDGET		SPENDING	
MISSIONS/OUTREACH	\$52,780	10.4%	\$ 18,517	12.9%
This portion of the budget encompasses our opportunities to witness to the community and the world to make disciples for Christ. Last year, we supported Russell Long in Brazil, Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P., MUST Ministries and many others. We witnessed through Powder Springs Day to the community and to the world through 100% payment of our apportionments.				
WORSHIP	\$47,606	9.4%	\$ 10,807	7.5%
This portion includes music and music staff salaries, worship supplies worship committee and church literature.				
YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES	\$56,637	11.2%	\$ 6,541	4.6%
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 Ministries and Weekday Children's Ministries.				
CONGREGATIONAL CARE	\$93,957	18.6%	\$ 31,433	22.0%
Congregational care budget includes the salaries of the Pastor, Stephen's Ministry, Stewardship, Senior Adult Ministry, Family Ministry, Women's Ministry and Annual Conference.				
FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE	\$108,667	21.5%	\$ 37,025	25.9%
Trustees administer this budget which includes care and maintenance of all facilities, utilities, parsonage and vehicle and debt service.				
SUPPORT	\$146,567	29.0%	\$ 38,864	27.1%
The support budget includes such items as insurance, Pastor's Pension, staff salaries, payroll service, FICA, SPR expense, office supplies, postage, communications, leadership training, financial reporting and contingency.				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$506,214	100.0%	\$143,187	100.0%



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Return Service Requested

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



Thank you to the anonymous gentleman who provided us with hand made palm crosses for Palm Sunday.

The Bodiford Family wants to express our appreciation for your prayers and concerns for our daughter-in-law, Cindy Bodiford, during her illness and passing. She was a blessing to all who knew her. *Thank you, Bob & DeLane.*

Congratulations to Frieda Frady on her retirement with 31 years of teaching at Austell Elementary, from her parents, *Jack & Lorraine Frady.*

Thank you to everyone who donated blood at the blood drive in memory of Hank. We reached our goal of 35 donors. *Crystal Pitts.*

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 Community Action Mission Program (C.A.M.P.) in Austell, GA. Sweetwater CAMP operates a food and clothing pantry and other assistance to families throughout Southwest Cobb County. Contact Julie Beem, 770.423.4824, for more information on how to get yours. In the future, be looking for them at the Welcome Center.

Are you committed to improving your health? To having more energy? To losing weight? To having fun? If you are ready for a lifestyle change, come join **Commit to Be Fit Boot Camp** held here at PSFUMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 pm. \$5 for PSFUMC members. Contact Sharon Jones at 678.596.6083 to register.

Need a break? Interested in saving up to 10% off your insurance premium? A Driver Safety Course is held monthly in the Chapel Building. Contact course instructor, Ange' Rae, for more information or to register at 770.222.1118.

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Please send Bulletin Board updates and articles for the August/September Love Notes to secretary@powderspringsfumc.org by July 10.