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Charge Conference 2010

According to the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the Charge Conference "shall be the connecting link between the local church and the general Church and shall have general oversight of the church council." The voting membership in a Charge Conference includes all attending people who are Administrative Council members, and any retired ordained ministers and diaconal ministers who hold their membership with us. The Discipline encourages us to have the make-up of the

council as inclusive as possible, to represent all segments of our congregation, including youth.

A Charge Conference is required to be held annually. The district superintendent presides or may designate an elder to preside. At the annual meeting, the Charge Conference reviews and evaluates the total missions and ministry of the church, receives reports, modifies organizational plans if necessary, and adopts objectives and goals recommended by the

Ad Council. Additionally, Charge Conferences recommend and review candidates for ordained ministry, lay speakers, and Church related vocations. Charge Conferences set and approve compensation for pastors and any bishop-appointed staff working at our church. We also elect lay leaders (i.e., chairpersons of work areas, Ad Council officers, and lay members to annual conference) at Charge Conferences.

This year, the charge conference will be held at Chamberlayne

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Combined Services

As many of you may have noticed, we have a new Minister of Christian Education. Please join Laurel Park and Greenwood UMC as we welcome Brian

Johnson and his wife Kim in a combined

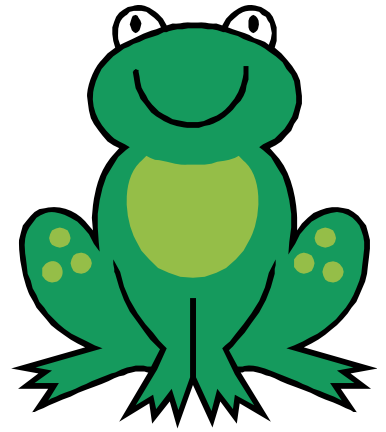


service on October 31. There will be a covered dish luncheon immediately after services. This is an awesome opportunity to meet Brian and Kim and get to know them.

Special points of interest:

- New Christian Education Minister
- Willing Workers Circle
- Greenwood After School Program

From The Pastor



Greetings in the Name of Christ,

The first thing that I need to say is “Thank You”. Thank you for your love and support during my hip surgery. The visits at the hospital and at home were healing in ways that no medicine could touch. The cards and prayers have been uplifting and helped in the healing process. The doctors have told me that this will take 3 months to completely heal so I will not be at full strength until the first of the year. I appreciate your help and support as we approach one of the busiest times of the church calendar.

I ask also for your prayers for the church as the lay leadership committee works on a slate of officers for the coming year. The New Year will be one with new officers in new positions and as we follow God’s direction and move forward they will need the prayers and support from the entire congregation. Please remember our charge conference on Sunday October 24th at 7:00 pm.

The last thing that I would like to remind everyone is from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 28 verses 19 and 20; ***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”***

This is what Jesus needs all of us to do.

Shalom

Dean

October Communion Offering: World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is a time to be in communion with Christians all over the world and to enable us to “press on toward the goal” of serving God in life changing ministries.

When churches take the offering this special Sunday,

the proceeds provide ethnic scholarships for international and United States racial and ethnic minority graduate students and scholarships for racial and ethnic minority persons seeking second careers in church related vocations.



Monthly Attendance and Offerings September

Our attendance for the month of September was:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 48
WORSHIP: 192

Our total offering towards the budget for the month of September was:

*“Honor the Lord with your substance
and with the first fruits of all your produce”*

Proverbs 3: 9

\$ 7,139.90

Our operating budget for 2010 is \$141,712.00.

Offering needed weekly to meet the budget is

\$2,725.00. Your generosity is appreciated.

+Christian Symbols+

The Rainbow represents God’s pardon and his promises. It also symbolizes his reconciliation to faithful Christians. After the Flood, God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his



promise to never destroy the earth that way again (Genesis 9:12-16). A rainbow can also represent the throne of Christ, as well as his glory and final judgment.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October babies are:
Charlene Hawkins and
Amber & Tara Morgan share
10/1; Dean Pittman, 10/4;
Steve Morgan, 10/6; Andy
Neagle, 10/9; CJ Neagle,
10/13; David Shuler,
10/20; Kimberly Shuler,
10/26;

Michael George, 10/29 and
Charley Banks, 10/31.

Our married folks
celebrating anniversaries
are: Andy and Tina Neagle
on 10/3 and Roy and Jackie
Sheets on 10/6.

*You are never too old for a party -
bring on the cake and presents!*

Congratulations to everyone.



Fellowship Dinner and FunRaisers

The October Fellowship
Dinner will be on October
13 at 6:30 pm. The menu is
home made potato soup,
grilled cheese sandwiches,
jello salad and cookies.
There will be a sign-up sheet
in the Sunday bulletins or
you can contact the church



office
at
266-
5341
to
RSVP.

Sign up now for Casserole
Take Out to be picked up on

October 24 after Sunday
services in the Fellowship
Hall. Casseroles available
are: potato, pineapple
pudding, chicken broccoli &
cheese, sweet potato, tomato
pudding and baked
spaghetti. The cost is \$7 per
dish.

Willing Workers Circle



One
person's
trash is
another
person's
treasure.

It's time to

start gathering your
donations for the Tag Sale
at Greenwood's Fall Festival.

Tag Sale proceeds all go
directly to Greenwood's
general fund. Please
remember that we are not
looking for any clothes,
shoes, computers or
electronics. Please bring your
donations to the Fellowship
Hall during the first week in
November. Anyone wanting

to help price items please
join us on Friday, November
5.

The October meeting of
the Willing Worker's Circle
will be held at Gay
Stapleton's home on October
6 at 7 p.m. You can find
Gay's address in our new
church directory or contact

Methodist Minute - Why We Apportion

Conference Services Fund

Funds the variety of services provided for the local churches through such functions as the Conference Treasurer's Office, the Annual Conference Session, conference publications, computer services, and mortgage on new conference center and telephone services.

2009 Apportionment - \$2,006,731

Percent Paid 2008 – 84.8%

Unfunded Missions & Ministries - \$251,786

2010 Apportionment - \$2,354,591

Paragraph 613.3c of the 2004 *Discipline* states that allocation and expenditures for conference agencies and officers whose work is primarily administrative may not be included in the Conference Benevolence apportionment. . Some of the major items funded through this fund are:

Conference Treasurer's Office (\$450,000) - Includes the processing and distribution of approximately \$24 million received from local churches for apportionments and second-mile giving,, collection, verification, and computer entry of membership and financial statistics from 1,196 local churches, insurance administration for the Conference, and serving as resource for local churches in the areas of finance, stewardship, administration, and insurance.

Annual Conference Session (\$219,300) - Provides funding for rent of meeting facilities, printing of *Book of Reports* and other program materials, audio recordings, honoraria and travel for speakers and approximately \$40,000 per diem expenses for retired pastors.

Bishop's Assistant (\$216,000) – Provides the cost the expenses of the

office of the Bishop's assistant including salary, benefits, travel, secretarial support, and office expenses.

Conference-Provided Publications (\$20,000) - Provides two *Journals*, a *Ministerial Directory*, and a subscription to the *Advocate* for every charge.

Computer Services (\$60,000) Provides support for Conference computer services including maintenance and purchase of hardware and software for information technology and website.

Wesley Foundation Maintenance (\$50,000) – Provides for major repair and renovation for Conference-owned Wesley Foundation properties.

Pastor's Liability/D&O Insurance (\$32,000) - Provides counseling and malpractice insurance coverage for all local church ministers and Directors and Officers coverage for Conference boards and agencies.

800 Telephone Number (\$18,000) - Pays for the 1-800-768-6040 number coming into the United Methodist Center.

Mortgage – VA. United Methodist

Center (\$265,000) – Mortgage payment on the unpaid balance of approximately \$2,900,000 on the Virginia United Methodist Center.

Lake Junaluska Dam Restoration (33,333) – Re-pay loans for the dam restoration at Lake Junaluska.

Additional funding is provided for meeting and administrative expenses for such groups as Conference Trustees, CFA, VUMAC, and the Conference



Outreach

As you are reading this, we have just finished CARITAS. We want to thank all of the groups and individuals who helped make this so successful. Thanks for the food, for doing the laundry and for cleaning. Everything was appreciated.

We are getting ready for

our fall festival on Saturday, November 6. If you have anything to donate for our silent auction, please call Adamarye Patteson at 266-6364. If you would like to help make the stew, please contact Brenda Shuler at 746-4694.

Remember, our bake sale

and yard sale also. If you would like to rent a table or know someone who does, please have them call Adamarye.



Nominating Committee

“We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.” (Romans 12:6-8 NIV)

Are you using the spiritual gifts God gave you through His grace? Want an opportunity to put those spiritual gifts to good use in God's service?

Your Nominating Committee is now working to fill several open positions in the 2010 slate of Greenwood's Leaders in Lay Ministry. Here's how you can use your spiritual gifts:

Service: Any of our committees, missions, or work areas needs volunteer help. The Worship Committee always needs volunteers to be greeters, ushers, communion stewards, and more.

Teaching: Greenwood is always looking for Bible Study and Sunday School teachers.

Encouraging: Something we all need do, all the time. Remember 1 Thessalonians 5:11: “Therefore encourage one another and build each

other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

Contributing to the Needs of Others:

In addition to your financial support, there are many ways of contributing to the needs of others – for example, Greenwood hosts CARITAS at least once each year – you could help out with this. Many other opportunities exist in Outreach and Missions.

Leadership: Using this spiritual gift here at Greenwood is really an aspect of service.

Other positions or opportunities to use your spiritual gifts may be available. To volunteer for any of these positions, or find out more information, please call the church office at (804)

Greenwood After School

The children have gotten off to a great start and they are excited about coming back to After School Care.

The year, we have six new students and they all are a joy to be around.

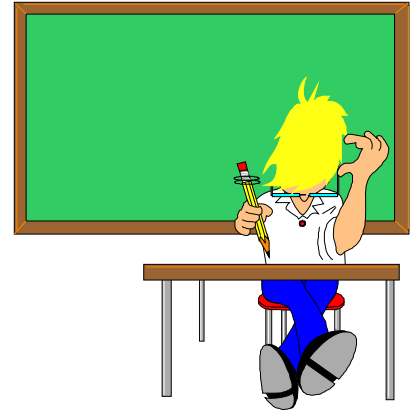
The children have been enjoying the sunny days by playing kickball games.

New board games were

donated to our program this year. They are being enjoyed by everyone. The number one favorite thus far has been "Trouble".

Please pray for all our students as they continue on their educational journey.

Submitted by Sharon Lewis



Glen Allen Day

According to Ecclesiastes 11:1, we are to cast our bread on the waters, and it will come back after many days seven or eight times greater.

Greenwood did a bit of casting on Glen Allen Day, September 18. Instead of bread, we cast Tootsie-Roll pops, notepads, pens, cups, magnets, and bags. We had a booth for the day, chatting with those who strolled by about our Fall

Festival, the Brunswick stew and the apple butter.

A number of folks filled out tickets for the raffle drawings for the Bible, the quart of stew, and the jar of apple butter. We succeeded in putting Greenwood's name into the hands of probably 50 or more people. A few already knew about our stew and said they were glad that we will be selling it again this year. We plan

to have a separate flyer for the Fall Festival at next year's Glen Allen Day. We will also have a map to hand out; a number of folks asked where Greenwood is located.

Many thanks to Roger, Steve and Glenda, Maurice (how about a Tootsie-Roll pop?) and Charlene, Ray, Lewis, and Janice and Charley.

Submitted by Charley Banks

A TASTE OF GRACE

Because Jesus died and rose for us, we have the free gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. That's the meaning of grace: "God's Riches At Christ's Expense."

Celebrate God's grace by "spelling it out" with this fun, nutritious recipe.

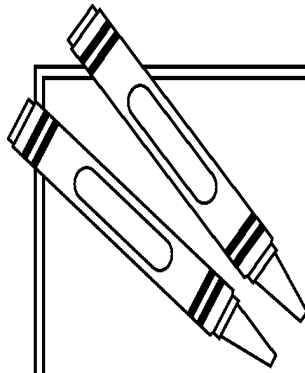
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 2 bowls
- Mixing spoon
- 1 Tablespoon yeast
- 1/2 cup warm water
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 1/3 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Cutting board
- Cookie sheet



What you do:

1. Preheat the oven to 325 degrees.
2. In a small bowl, stir the yeast with the water and honey. Let the mixture sit for five minutes.
3. In another bowl, stir the flour and salt together.
4. After five minutes, add the bubbly yeast mixture to the flour and salt mixture.
5. Stir everything together, first with a spoon and then with your hands. The dough is ready when it's still a little crumbly.
6. Put the dough on a cutting board with a little flour. Knead it into one big ball.
7. Divide the dough into 12 pieces, and roll each piece into a snake shape.
8. Form the letters G R A C E (twice). Then form the two extra pieces into any shape you choose.
9. Bake your letters and shapes on the cookie sheet for about 10 minutes. Let cool, and enjoy!



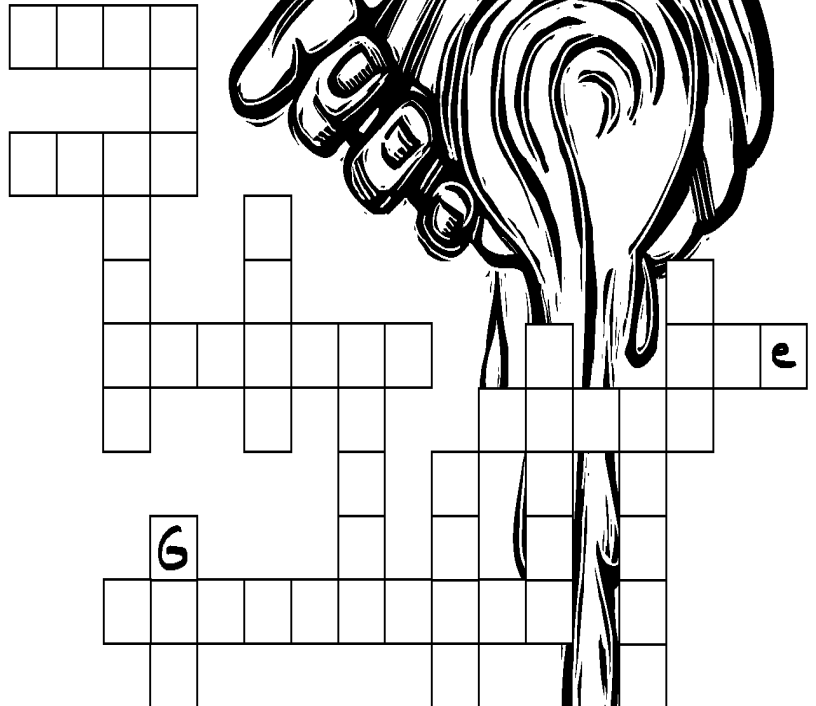
Just for **KIDS**

THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy. Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast."





October 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Breakfast
3	4 Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm Finance - 7:00 pm	5	6 Circles - 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm	7 Cub Scouts - 6:30 pm Choir Practice - 7:00 pm	8	9
10	11 SCHOOL'S OUT Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm	12	13 Fellowship Dinner - 6:30 pm	14 Cub Scouts - 6:30 pm Choir Practice - 7:00 pm	15	16 Friendship Quilters
17	18 Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm	19	20 Cornerstones - 11:30 am Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm	21 Cub Scouts - 6:30 pm Choir Practice - 7:00 pm	22	23 LP Yard & Stew Sale
24 Charge Conference 7:00 pm	25 Boy Scouts - 6:30 pm	26	27 Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm	28 Cub Scouts - 6:30 pm Choir Practice - 7:00 pm	29	30
31 Combined Church Service with LP						



OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Lawrence Allen, Brian Beckley Jr., Leola Frayser, Thomas Jackson, Jane Grey Kibler, Jalyn McFarland, Betty McKee, Pat Moran, Betty & Harvey Roach, Rita Robinson, Benjamin Shannon, Lavelle Sheffield, Steve Sheffield, Carolyn Stone, Ann Taylor, Johnny Taylor, Mary Walker, Jennifer Yeary.

Please pray for these ill and hospitalized members.



October 2010

**Greenwood United
Methodist Church
October 2010**

10040 Greenwood Road
Glen Allen, VA 23060
Phone: 804-266-5341
Fax: 804-266-2019

9:30 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship

Senior Pastor: Dean Pittman
Christian Education:
Brian Johnson

Email: admin@gumcva.org

PASTOR'S HOME

11090 Quail Whistle Drive
Glen Allen, VA 23059
804-262-1628

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804-266-6668

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