



The Mountain View

Mountain Presbyterian Church
3831 Highway 515 East
Blairsville, GA 30512

July 2011



Trinkets & Treasures Yard Sale



Friday, July 15—8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 16—8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
FREE coffee, lemonade & cookies
Baked goods for sale!

PW's big sale is just around the corner! However, we can't do it without your help sorting, pricing and setting up all those wonderful trinkets and treasures you've been collecting/holding on to these last few months. So, PLEASE add your name to the sign-up sheet on the PW kiosk. Even if you can give only a couple hours of your time for one or two days it will be greatly appreciated. We will need help every day, all week preceding the sale!

DROP OFF SCHEDULE

Friday, July 8: Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. (Carole will be in the office)*

Saturday, July 9: Between 11 AM and 3 PM (Someone will be available to let you into the Fellowship Hall) *

*Clothing should be deposited in the upstairs Gathering Room or one of the side meeting rooms; all other items can be deposited in the Fellowship Hall in the area between the doors to the patio and the windows up front.

Monday thru Wednesday, July 11-13: PW ladies will be at the church from 9 a.m. to accept donations.

ITEMS TO DONATE: Garage/yard sale items—small appliances, house wares, linens, books, CDs, DVDs, games, toys, tools of all sorts, garden décor, sports equipment, Christmas décor, knick-knacks, jewelry, accessories (handbags, etc.). Got excess furniture? We'll take it! And don't forget clothing (clean and in good condition).

If you need assistance to get your donation to the church, please contact Carole in the office at 706.745.8036.

All proceeds go to local charities.



Tremendous Tuesday

Tuesday, July 19th

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs & Picnic Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Followed by Robin Watts of Regency Hospice speaking on "Five Wishes"

You're invited for an indoor picnic with hamburgers and hot dogs and all the trimmings. Please bring a "picnic" dish to share such as potato salad, garden salad, baked beans, etc. or a yummy dessert.

After dinner Robin Watts will share about "Five Wishes" which has become America's most popular **living will** because it is written in everyday language and will help you express how you want to be treated if you become seriously ill. It deals with all of a person's needs: medical, personal, emotional and spiritual.

Robin Watts is a Hospice Care Consultant for Regency Hospice. She has been educating the public on hospice services since 2003.

Join us for an evening of great food, fellowship and an informative speaker.



Stewardship and Finance

Revenue and Expenses for May 2011: Contributions: \$13,938.14 Expenses: \$14,053.80

Year-to-date our expenses are greater than our contributions by \$4,910.06.

Loan Balance: \$22,592.00

The Session continues to monitor the finances and is doing an excellent job of keeping our expenses down.

On the Calendar for August:

August 7—We will be celebrating the mid-summer Sacrament of Holy Communion.

August 14—We will receive a special “offset” offering during our service of worship. This offering will be used to offset our congregation’s and our Presbytery’s budget deficits and enable us to continue to do the ministries we feel called by God to do.

More about this offering will be coming to you as we get closer to August 14th. For now begin to think and pray about our ministries in Christ’s name and how we can in faithful response to God for his blessings support them.



“HAPPY BIKES”

‘HAPPY BIKES’, that’s what these recycled bicycles are calling themselves, as they were transferred from neglect and idleness to their new homes with lively youngsters in Towns County.

On Saturday, June 4, 2011, Don Ransom from our Men’s Group delivered three cleaned and repaired bicycles to the Family Connection Agency at Towns County High School. They were received by Mrs. Sykes and two of her assistants representing Family Connection. The agency will place these recycled bikes into active usage where needed most among Towns County families.

This was the first such delivery of the ‘HAPPY BIKES’ program. The next delivery will be made in about two weeks to the Family Connection Agency at Union County High School.

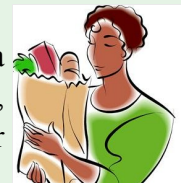
The donors of the bikes admitted that the bicycles had been sitting idle as the previous owners had gotten older or their grandchildren had moved on.

If you, or someone you know, have an idle bicycle or tricycle in a garage or basement, contact the Mountain Presbyterian church office at 706-745-8036 or John Hollingshead at 706-896-4134.

This program is a mission of our Presbyterian Men and we are asking all men of our church to make a donation to our group of no more than \$20.00 to defray the expenses of fixing up and putting a happy face on these bikes. Please mark your check “Presbyterian Men.” Thanks for your contribution and for making the lives of our area youngsters happier!

Please Remember the Food Pantry!

Please continue to bring in food and hygiene items. We need cereal, tuna, Spam, Vienna sausages, jelly, soups, spaghetti sauce, beef stew, Spaghetti O’s, canned veggies, canned fruit, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, dish soap, clothes soap and we have had requests for cleaning supplies. Thanks for your support of this ministry—it is a blessing to our community!



July 8th for Mini Relay for Life Event

No chance of being rained out at the rescheduled Mini Relay for Life Event as it will be held in the Union County Middle School Gym in Blairsville. The event will take place from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, July 8th.

The event will focus on a Survivors Celebration at 6:00 p.m. and end with a Luminaria Ceremony around 9:00 p.m. In between there will be plenty of fun, food, and family activities for the entire community to enjoy.

Survivors who were not able to attend the “stormed out” event on May 13th are encouraged to sign up for the mini event on July 8th. Please contact Linda Guinn or Dottie Riggs to sign up or for more information.



Adult Vacation Bible School

“Practice, Practice, Practice”—Oh, how we hated to hear those words! Whether it was music lessons, sports, or learning to tie your shoes, those words turned what you were doing into a chore. But the other old saying, “Practice makes perfect,” does hold some truth to it. This year at V.B.S. we will be focusing on something we all should be working on—our spiritual practices as Christians.

We will be looking at the spiritual practice of worship, prayer, meditation, and devotion, along with other practices of the faith.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 21st—25th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mark your calendars for a fun time of fellowship, snacks, crafts and, hopefully, a perfecting of our faith through the practice of it.

More information will be coming, but mark you calendars now:

V.B.S. August 21st-25th, 6:30-8:30!



Habitat for Humanity®

Volunteers desperately needed for the MPC work day on July 9 at the house being built in Blairsville by Habitat for Humanity. We'll be doing the final clean-up of the building and perhaps some landscaping work. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jan Kowalski at 706.781.4469.

Our Presbyterian Women will be making lunches for all the workers on that day. We need volunteers to help with this—sign up on the sheet on the PW kiosk. Food should be brought to the church by 11:30 a.m. Please use disposable containers if at all possible. Thank you!

What Does Advent/Christmas Mean to You?

Yes, it's only July, but the Christian Education Committee wants to get an early start on a devotional booklet for this year's Advent/Christmas Season that begins on November 27th and runs through Christmas Eve. We want this booklet to be a special church family devotional—full of your special memories of the Advent/Christmas Season.



What activity, poem, hymn, recipe or event in your life do you associate with Advent/Christmas and why? It can be recent or from your childhood or any time in between. Just share it in a couple of paragraphs and include a Scripture verse or prayer if you wish.

We will have a display of Advent devotional books in the Fellowship Hall in July to give you some ideas and get your thoughts going. Turn in your recollections now through October 1st. Then the Christian Education Committee will get busy assembling your contributions into a booklet to be distributed the first Sunday of Advent—November 27th.

For more information, contact co-editors Carol Anne Harrison, 706.835.1948—carolhar@windstream.net, or Barbara Baumgardner, 706.835.2812—bertnbarb@aol.com.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NEWS & NOTES

We hope you all enjoyed our PW Officers Installation Meeting at Brothers last month. Our guest speaker, Cyndee King, shared about her work with the Lakota Indians on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Her talk was a good reminder of the many types of mission work right here in our own country. Officers installed were: Moderator—Pat Grossman, Vice Moderator—Connie Johnson, Secretary—Nancy Jones, Treasurer—Linda Guinn, and Historian—Barbara Ransom.

Just a reminder that we will not have any PW meetings in the months of July and August. Our new PW year will start at our meeting on Thursday, September 15 at 11:00 a.m. We will begin our new Bible study on Confessing the Beatitudes. Please see Linda Guinn to order your book.

Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Church-wide Gathering July 18-22 in Orlando, FL. See Pat Grossman if interested in attending.
- ◆ PW Workshop is scheduled for August 20 at Lavonia Presbyterian Church.



Flowers, Greeters And Coffee Hour

Thank you all so much for your continued support of food, flowers, and fellowship!

We really need your help to host the Sunday Coffee Hour! Lots of dates are available. Check the calendar in the Fellowship Hall and pick your Sunday.

There are many Sundays available for you to purchase the flowers for the church in honor or memory of a loved one. Sign up on the calendar in the narthex. Flowers are \$32.10 for a lovely bouquet or you may provide your own flowers.

July Greeters

3 Bob Johnson & Sue Royal
 10 Jack & Dee Stonebraker
 17 John & Joan Hollingshead
 24 Pat Hermann & Bobbi Tower
 31 Howard & Pat Grossman

July Coffee Hour Hosts

3 Ransoms
 10 Stonebrakers
 17 **Host needed**
 24 **Host needed**
 31 McKinley

July Flower Calendar

3 Ransoms
 10 Johnson/Royal
 17 Campbell
 24 Dotti Riggs
 31 **Flowers needed**

Fun Facts for The Fourth of July 2011

2.5 million—In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

311.7 million—The nation's estimated population on this July Fourth.

Patriotic-Sounding Place Names

Thirty-one places have “liberty” in their names. The most populous one as of April 1, 2010, is Liberty, MO (29,149) Iowa, with four, has more of these places than any other state: Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty.

Thirty-five places have “eagle” in their names. The most populous one is Eagle Pass, Texas (26,248).

Eleven places have “independence” in their names. The most populous one is Independence, MO. (116,830).

Nine places have “freedom” in their names. The most populous one is New Freedom, PA. (4,464).

One place with “patriot” in the name. Patriot, IN. (209).

Five places have “America” in their names. The most populous is American Fork, UT (26,263).



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