



The Mountain View

Mountain Presbyterian Church
3831 Highway 515 East
Blairsville, GA 30512

September 2011

Thrilling Thursday

“This is Your Life MPC”

Thursday, September 8, 6:00 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Do you remember the television show “This Is Your Life?” VIPs, usually movie stars, would come on and different people from their past would appear and tell vignettes about their lives.

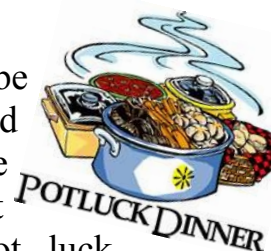


Well, this coming Thrilling Thursday,

September 8th, following our pot luck dinner, we will be remembering the life of Mountain Presbyterian Church. This is our 25th Anniversary as a congregation.

Members will be sharing their remembrances of the early days of our existence. They'll talk about such things as when MPC worshipped at the chapel at Young Harris College. How we ended up building on this spot. We'll learn about who Charlie Bing and Tom Harrington were. What was the first church building like and what life was like for the early pioneers of our congregation.

This program will be enlightening and entertaining, so please be with us on the 8th at 6:00 p.m. for the pot luck supper and our evening of memories.



We will continue our Anniversary Celebration on September 18th when Rev. Dr. Kenyon Meeks, our General Presbyter, will be with us for the worship service.

Then on October 23rd we will have a guest speaker in the pulpit as we celebrate the anniversary of our first service of worship as Mountain Presbyterian Church. This service will be followed by a luncheon. More details about that event will be in the October issue of our newsletter.

So start marking your calendars so you won't miss any of these special 25th Anniversary events!

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Stewardship and Finance

Revenue and Expenses for July 2011: Contributions: \$16,010.34 Expenses: \$14,776.10

The monthly net income for the month of July is 1,234.24

Year-to-date our expenses are greater than our contributions by 4,645.79.

Loan Balance: \$21,137.00

Extra Commitment Offering

Our sincere thanks to all of you for your generous response in the Extra Commitment Offering received on August 14th. So far, we have received \$3,858, which will be split with our Presbytery to enable us both to continue our ministries during these difficult financial times.

If you were not with us on August 14th and desire to contribute to this special fund, you may put your check in the offering plate on Sunday or mail it to the church. Please market your gifts "Extra Commitment" or "EC Offering."



Deadline Approaching for the Advent/Christmas Devotional Booklet

Our thanks to all of you who have contributed to our church family devotional that is being prepared by the Christian Education Committee. If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes and share (in a couple of paragraphs) an activity, poem, hymn, recipe or event in your life that you associate with Advent/Christmas and tell us why. It can be recent or from your childhood or any time in between. You may include a Scripture verse or prayer if you wish.

Time is growing short—deadline for turning in your recollections is **Sunday, October 2**. The Christian Education Committee is planning to distribute the booklet 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.



Vespers—Sunday September 25th—6:00 p.m.

Vespers will be held on September 25th beginning with dinner at 6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, we will have dinner and our evening worship on the Sharp Plaza overlooking the mountains that surround us. If the weather is inclement, we will be in the Fellowship Hall. Either way, we hope you will join us.

The meat and beverages will be provided by the Worship Committee. You're asked to bring a covered dish to share. A sign-up sheet to indicate what you are bringing is in the Fellowship Hall.

Following dinner, we will give thanks to God for the wonders of nature and each day with our evening Vespers. This evening service of praise is always special. So, come and "lift up your eyes and spirits to the hills" and He who is our help.

In Memoriam

David Bleakley

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Lou Ann Bleakley and her family on the passing of her husband, David, on August 15. Our prayers are with you all.

Katharine Vargo

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Katharine Vargo who passed away on August 30. Services were held on Friday, September 2, in Bradenton, Florida.



It's the Start of a New Year for Mountain Presbyterian Women!

We're saving a place for you!!

A New Year and a New Study— “The Beatitudes”

Presbyterian Women of Mountain Presbyterian church will begin their new year with a meeting on Thursday, September 15, at 10:00 a.m. As we look forward to a study this year of “The Beatitudes” we welcome all women of the church to join with us. (Study books will be available at a cost of \$8.00.) We meet for two hours with refreshments—always—and lots of conversation and fellowship. You are invited and “we’re saving a place for you!”



Annual PW.Retreat—September 17

Our Annual Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 17, at the beautiful setting of the Hinton Center in Hayesville. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 and coffee and refreshments will be provided.

We are looking forward to having Linda Abel from the Hayesville Presbyterian Church as our retreat leader. She will be sharing on “Pray All Ways” (the many forms of prayer). Sounds very interesting! There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall to let us know if you need a ride or directions. This is another great opportunity to get to know one another and also some of the Hayesville ladies who will be attending. See you there!

Upcoming Events within the NE Georgia Presbyterian Women:

- ◆ Fall Retreat at Camp Pinnacle in Clayton, GA on October 21-23
 - ◆ Montreat Conference, Montreat, NC on October 23-27



We will be celebrating World-wide Holy Communion on Sunday, October 2nd.



Please Remember the Food Pantry!

Your generous contributions of food and hygiene items have blessed so many in our community this year. Since January we have helped 61 families representing over 181 people. Many received the food with tears in their eyes and heartfelt thanks. Those we help are really thrilled to find that we stock things like shampoo, deodorant, dish and clothes soap and toilet tissue—items not usually available in other food banks.

Please continue to bring in food and hygiene items. Hot dogs and buns are needed—please place them in the first freezer,—also tuna, tuna helper, macaroni & cheese and crackers, shampoo, deodorant, dish soap, clothes soap, and toilet tissue.

Thanks to your contributions, the pantry has been very well stocked. However, we’ve had a busy week. Please keep those donations coming so we can continue to spread the love of Jesus to our community through the pantry .



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 and provide flowers on Sunday! Lots of dates are available. Check the calendar in the narthex for flowers and in the Fellowship Hall to host Coffee Hour and pick your Sunday.

Flowers in honor or memory of a loved one are \$32.10 for a lovely bouquet or you may provide your own flowers.

September Greeters	September Coffee Hour Hosts	September Flower Calendar
4 Don & Linda Guinn	4 Host needed	4 Grossman
11 Betty Carpenter & Hazel Douglass	11 Calkins	11 Flowers needed
18 Loretta Abbott & Kathy Adams	18 Hollingshead	18 Flowers needed
25 Dottie Byrd & Linda Shanahan	25 Host needed	25 Flowers needed

Treats for Coffee Hour As you can see above, we have a couple of weeks open for hosting coffee hour in September, so we are going to try something different. For those of you who would like to participate, please bring in some cookies, a cake, or any other coffee hour treats. Place your items in the second freezer or in the kitchen marked, "Coffee Hour."



The Fellowship Committee will serve as hosts for those weeks where no one has signed up using your treats. However, we always enjoy and appreciate it when others host this time of fellowship.



Introducing MPC to the Students of YHC

John Campbell, Tucker Belton, and John Hollingshead represented our church at the Young Harris College Student Organization Business Fair on Thursday, August 25th to provide information and pass out literature to the several hundred college students who attended. Several students from out-of-state Presbyterian Churches visited our booth and were pleased to learn of our church. They will be added to our monthly newsletter email list and we hope they will join us in worship and other church activities..



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