



**CLEVELAND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**SEPTEMBER 2010**

**Cleveland UMC News**

*A Word from our Pastor:*



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**Members of the United Methodist Church ranked their favorite hymns on-line @ UMC.org**  
**Did Your Favorite Make the List?**

1. Here I Am, Lord
2. How Great Thou Art
3. Amazing Grace
4. Hymn of Promise
5. In the Garden
6. Lord of the Dance
7. It is Well with My Soul
8. Be Thou Vision
9. Great is Thy Faithfulness
10. Blessed Assurance

**Characteristics of a Dying Church?**

I was reading an article the other day about how you know when a Church is dying. It compared the search to the coming death of a human being. This shuts down, that function ceases, pretty grim stuff.

It went on to say that there are some things that might be present –

Looking to the “Glory days of the past”

Trying to do “better” the things that worked in the past

Conveying to those who come that there is only one way to do things

More concern with losing a member than gaining a new one

Signs of a **healthy** Church look like this –

The Church studies the Bible

The Church is a praying Church

There are people who love each other

EVERY Church has times that are up and times that are down. One of the things that I have to remind myself about is whether the Church has packed it all in just waiting for the funeral OR still has some fight left in it! The most important thing that the Church needs to realize is that the health or lack is due in very large part to the people. The pastor has a role to play, but the same pastor will not always be there, especially in the UMC.

Now here’s what we need to look at –

CUMC has 12 new groups in Small Group Ministry

CUMC is looking closely and well at the future with concrete ideas

CUMC is starting 2 new Sunday School classes for children

CUMC is having some of the highest attendance in the past 4 years

I have looked at the “Bucket List” created by YOU and there are good ideas; some we are already working on; some will break new ground; some that will take some time, but good ideas. It shows you care about CUMC, it shows you are not ready to give up.

It is not always easy to be the Church, especially in this day. There are more choices than ever before; more time demands – you know the list because you live it every day!

It is, I believe finding a balance between all the things that press in on us and need time, energy and so much more. No, we can’t all do all the things we would like to do, but if each one could find the place of support to give Glory to God and build up the Church, the Church remains strong.

The Visioning sessions are just one part of a new chapter for our Church. The next is adopting a Vision and then making a plan to carry out in the New Year when we gather November 6 at Dahlonga UMC with Phil Schroeder.

Thank God for CUMC and for what is happening through the faith of those who believe!

## Important Schedules & Events

### Church Council Meeting

Thursday, September 2nd

@ 7:00 pm - FHall

### SPR MEETING

Sunday, Sept. 12th

@ 12 noon in the Neal Rm

### Church Vision SUMMARY Meeting

Sunday, September 19th

@ 12:15 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Covered Dish Lunch - Thank You!

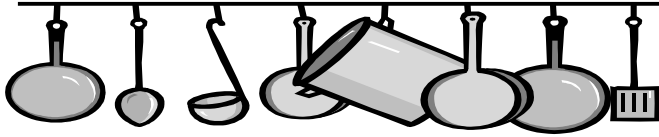
### September Acolyte Schedule

September 5th: Jordan & Georgia Marks

September 12th: Corinne Gann

September 19th: Anne Edwards

September 26th: Nicholas Hoyle



### Wednesday Night Dinner

September 1st: Vegetable Plate

September 8th: Beef Stroganoff

September 15th: Breakfast

\*September 22nd: Turkey & Dressing

*\*Please bring a side dish this night only*

September 29th: Soup Night

## **"Paint-It Up, Fix-It Up Day"**



Saturday, September 18, 2010

8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

**Calling ALL AGE Groups!**

If you can paint, do light carpenter work, or willing to just buy some paint.

Please contact Bill Marshall or the Church office to Volunteer! 706/865-2228

### September Scripture Readers

September 5th: Alice Bagwell

September 12th: Jordan Marks

September 19th: Julia Runkle

September 26th: Don Howell

\*\*\*All Scripture Readers will be notified of the scripture verse by email prior to their scheduled Sunday. *Thank you!*

### **R.O.M.E.O. Club**

(Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Has a ***NEW*** Meeting Schedule

**2nd *Tuesday*** of Each Month

This Month is September 14th

at 8:30 am @ Ma Gooch's

### September Altar Flowers

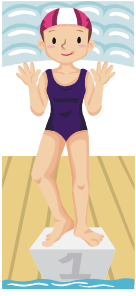
**September 5th:** To the Glory of God and In Honor of Crystal & Ansley Brown's Birthdays

**September 12th:** To the Glory of God and In Honor of Megan Runkle's Birthday

**September 19th:** To the Glory of God and In Honor of Alice Bagwell's Birthday

**September 26th:** To the Glory of God and In Honor of Pat & Dennis Harman's 1st Wedding Anniversary

## Youth & Children News & Upcoming Events



### Congratulations State Swimming Champion Sarah Edwards!

Sarah won 1st place in the Georgia Recreation Association state swim meet in July.

Sarah competed in the girls 8 & under division.

Sarah is the daughter of Chuck & Millie Edwards.



### Paint & Fix It Day - 9/18

### Guys & Girls Afternoon Out

October 3, 2010

### Youth Sunday

October 10, 2010

**Matthew Runkle** has been named as a Spirit Award finalist in Windstream's Classroom Connections program for a film he co-created with classmates @ the Ninth Grade Academy.



### Youth Council Update

**Megan Runkle** was voted to replace graduating senior, Ashley Manning, as the Youth Representative on the Church Council.

### Youth Sunday Family Cooks & Chaperones

September 6th	No Youth - Labor Day
September 12th	The Cutchshaw Family
September 19th	The Reid Family
September 26th	"All In the Family"



### Children & Youth Choir Practices Begin Wednesday, September 1st!

Ages 4-7 will practice from 6:30 - 6:50 p.m.

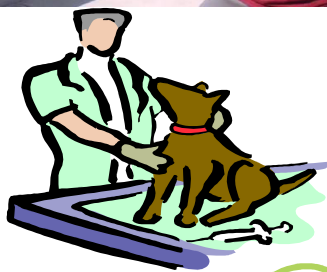
Youth ages 8 & up will practice from 6:50 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The CUMC Student of the month is Nicholas Hoyle. Nicholas is the son of Eddie & Nell Hoyle.



### Ten special things about Nicholas...

1. Nicholas loves the Lord;
2. He was baptized at Cleveland United Methodist Church when he was 4 months old;
3. Nicholas attends White County Middle School. He is in the seventh (7th) grade;
4. He is an excellent student;
5. Nicholas loves to snow ski;
6. He is a very good swimmer;
7. Nicholas is the youngest member of his family;
8. Nicholas is considering being a veterinarian when he grows up;
9. He LOVES dogs; and
10. Nicholas is an Alabama football fan!



## Remember in Prayer

### Those serving in the Armed Forces & Their Families

\*Matt Albertus

\*Jonathan Allison

\*Cliff Elrod

\*Chip Galloway

\*Melissa Sandefur

\*Kyle Lovell

Dave Jackson - *Pat Wyatt's son working in Afghanistan*

Michael Morrow - *working in Iraq & passing of his father*

### On-Going

Walter Campbell

Chuck Galloway

Ken Fraley

Glenn Walker

Dan Edwards

Doug & Marsha Smith

Johnnie Sue Tyler

Marilyn & Jack McElya

### Care & Concern

The Wunderlich Family

Wayne & Nancy Patchell

Leonard Brand

Carol Burak - *friend of K. Rey's*

Jeff Cowerd - *Nancy Galloway's brother*

Russ Weiskircher

Anna Marshall Whitmire

Farrell Miles - *M. Brand's cousin*

Chad Minish - *B. Winder's nephew*

Mary McDonald - *Martha Allen's sister*

Eula Davis & Jeanne Davis - *family members of Martha Smith*

Dell Kerr - *Jennifer Huycke's Mother*

Steve Kelly - *Jo Burch's Brother*

Lynn Adams Wilson - *Troy Waddell's Cousin*

Jolene Billings - *Drew Allen's mother-in-law*

Edna Took - *Mother of Gwen Owens*

Claire Phillips

Sally York

Chip & Erika Galloway

## New Wednesday Night Bible Study for Women

"Experiencing the Power of a Spirit Filled Life" is the title of our upcoming Ladies Bible study. This will be an in-depth study of the Holy Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit who is an awesome gift to us from Christ - yet a gift we must choose to open and spend time with if He is to make any difference in our lives today. The study will be full of life-changing truths as we personally experience life-changing intimacy with Christ. It will be a study full of joy. I promise it will be a study like we've never had before. So please join us as we embark on this spiritual adventure together, every Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., beginning on September 15, 2010.

The second part of this study, beginning on October 27, 2010, will be based on Beth Moore's Bible study "Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit." Beth is a dynamic Bible teacher who really makes the Word of God come alive. The Bible is the only required text we will use. However, if you want to absorb even more personal meaning from this study, we recommend you purchase Beth's workbook as well.

### Schedule

Introduction	9/15/10
Foundations of the Holy Spirit	9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13
Gifts of the Spirit	10/20/10
Beth Moore Study	Beginning 10/27/10
"Living Beyond Yourself, Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit"	

Call the church office (706/865-2228)  
or contact  
Debra McInvale 706/878-0882  
mcinvalestudios@windstream.net  
if you have any questions.

## Sunday Prayers

*"Sunday Prayers" is a new prayer ministry at CUMC . The purpose is to pray specifically for our church: our Pastor, our vision for CUMC's future, our effectiveness as the body of Christ in sharing the Gospel, our loving outreach to our community, and our unity as a church family. Everyone is invited to participate in this effort on Sunday mornings. Join us anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00, at your convenience, before or between or during Worship and Sunday School times, to pray silently in the Sanctuary or in the small room at the front of the Sanctuary. We definitely need and are seriously seeking God's guidance as a church as we work to serve as His hands and feet in this world.*

**"Tuesday Morning Prayers" is being suspended for a time because the current participants have had a change in their work schedules on Tuesday mornings. If any of you feel led to pick up this prayer ministry, all you have to do is jump in and pray!**

*If you have any questions about the Prayer Ministry of CUMC, or if you would like to be added to our ongoing email prayer team, please contact Debra McInvale at 706/878-0882 or [mcinvalestudios@windstream.net](mailto:mcinvalestudios@windstream.net).*



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# Community Day of Prayer

**A BIG thanks to all of you who participated in the CUMC-led Community Day of Prayer on August 14th. Over 50 people joined in prayer that day and it was awesome! We thank God for His presence with us! This was such a meaningful time for all of us that we plan to make it an annual event.**

### *Mildred's Thrift Store*



Saturday 9/4:	Alice Bagwell & Margaret Morrow
Tuesday 9/7:	Virginia Maddox & Janet Williams
Tuesday 9/14:	Alice Bagwell & Louise Head
Tuesday 9/21:	Gerry Robinson & Margaret Morrow
Tuesday 9/28:	Rosemary York & Nancy Rucker



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### UMW General Meeting

Tuesday, September 7th

@ 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Hostesses: Louise Head & Vivian Smith

Devotional: Rosemary York

### The Alice Circle

Wednesday, September 22nd

@ 10:00 a.m. at the Home of Carol Albertus

Hostesses: Carol Albertus & Jo Ann Butler

Devotional: Claire Phillips Program: Gwen Owen

### W.A.C.S.

Wednesday, September 8th

@ 11:00 a.m. in the Neal Room

*Please bring a Sack Lunch*

*An Invitation to Senior UMW Members* to share craft ideas, recipes or brief testimonials of what UMW has meant to you through past years of service. Please submit your articles to the Church Office and one article will be chosen each month to appear in the Newsletter.



**New Bethlehem Community Center** in Augusta is the recipient of our 2010 3rd Quarter giving. This mission is not really new, but began in 1911 as an extension of the Methodist established Paine College Services and provided for the Black community in Augusta. Services provided by this Center are: supervised playground, VBS, sewing clinic for girls, well baby clinics, Boy & Girl Scouts, Golden Age Club, weaving classes, athletic programs, piano lessons, library study, Head Start programs, after-school tutoring, and infant & toddler programs. Our local Unit contributes to a different designated service project each quarter.

### Annual District UMW Meeting

**October 10th**

at Sharp Memorial UMC in Young Harris

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Registrations are now being accepted via email @

**[www.sharpumc.map.htm](http://www.sharpumc.map.htm)**

Or by phone 706-379-1710

### Officer's Training @ St. Paul UMC

Washington Street, Gainesville

**November 19th (9:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.)**

Each of our UMW officers are *urged* to mark this date on their calendars & plan to attend. The fee is \$7 (includes lunch) and is underwritten by our Local Unit.

**Registration Deadline: October 29th**

## *UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat*

Eight of our members will meet in the Church parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on **Friday, September 17th** to car pool to beautiful **Hinton Rural Life Retreat Center** near Hayesville, N.C. for 24 hours of reflection, meditation, prayer & Bible study as well as great Christian fellowship... Those attending are:

Alice Bagwell, Janice Campbell, Juanita Olson, Barb Orr, Nancy Patchell, Claire Phillips, Pat Waddell & Rosemary York. Former member, Beverly Long & her mother, May Adell Bollefer will join us! Rev. Katie Strall will be our Retreat Leader.

## **Afghanistan Outreach Project**

Cleveland United Methodist is collecting the following items per the request of Lt. Patrick Jones. He is a 2nd Lieutenant infantry platoon leader and in charge of a very remote base. He has a large area of land of over 50 villages that he is responsible for in providing security and in trying to help their quality of life. He is attempting to get in touch with organizations and church groups in the area to see if it would be possible to gather the following items which would greatly improve the lives of the local afghans in his sector and items for his soldiers that do not receive care packages.

### **For Local Afghans**

Subject Notebooks  
Pens  
Big Colored Chalk  
Candy (no chocolate)  
Small farm tools  
Tarps for shade  
Erasers  
Rulers  
Soccer Balls (even used)  
Shoes (even used)  
Sandals (even old ones)  
Socks  
Baseball Hats (even old ones)  
Old Blankets  
Sunglasses (cheap are fine)

### **For Soldiers**

Books  
Protein Shakes  
Cigarettes  
Envelopes  
Sunglasses  
Pillows, linens  
Jelly  
Work gloves  
Headlamps  
Swedish Fish Candy  
Basketball  
Board games  
Snacks-Candy/Crackers  
Sunflower Seeds  
Socks  
Puzzles

Music  
Magazines  
Hygiene Kit  
(shaving cream,  
razors, toothbrush,  
toothpaste, floss,  
q-tips)



Drop boxes for items will be located in the Gathering Room. Let's do our best to support his efforts and show our support and appreciation for our soldiers and their mission.

***Monetary donations for shipping cost are greatly appreciated!***



Patrick is a 2005 Lumpkin Co. High School graduate and 2009 West Point graduate. Emmett and Martha Shotts are personal friends with his family and know that any effort by CUMC will be greatly appreciated!

2nd Lt. Patrick Jones with "Bullet."



## Upcoming Church Events

### “All in the Family”

#### BINGO Night

Sunday, September 26th @ 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(Please bring a favorite dish to share!)

Family fun, games & bible study with our growing families!



All in the Family Gathering on 8/22/10

### Church Family Fun Day

Saturday, October 9th

2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

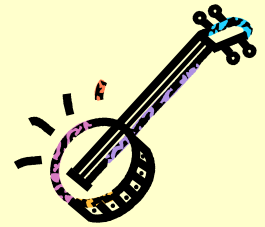
Join the fun as we have a good, old-fashion barbeque complete with Music, Games & Fellowship!

*Volunteers Needed to bring:*

*Slaw, Baked Beans & Drinks*

R.S.V.P. to Tracie Howell or the Church Office

706-865-2228



### CUMC Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 31st - 4:00 pm. To 6:00 p.m.

CUMC Church Parking Lot

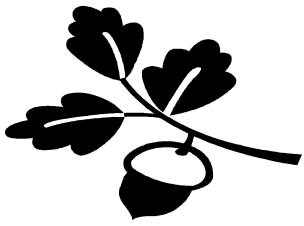


Please plan to be a part of this Community Outreach Event!

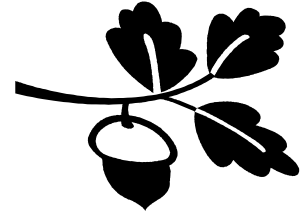
### Church Planning Session at Dahlonega UMC

Saturday, November 6th with Dr. Phil Schroeder

A Church Planning Session will be held at Dahlonega UMC for *all* members of the congregation to attend. Please mark your calendars! More details to follow...



## September Birthdays



Sarah Inez Edwards	September 1	Alice Bagwell	September 26
William Ryan Fowler	September 3	Jodie Fowler	September 27
Tom McCurdy	September 6	Ray Russell	September 27
Ansley Brown	September 7	Sadie Flanigan	September 27
Paul Winder	September 13	Jane Weiskircher	September 28
Megan Runkle	September 13	James Harrison, Jr.	September 28
Crystal Brown	September 19	Diana Kern	September 30
Emmett Shotts, Jr.	September 23		

If you do not find your birthday on the monthly list please contact the church office and give them your information. We sincerely apologize if we have left anyone off!



### **Annual Church Conference**

Sunday, October 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

### Labor Day

*Monday, September 6, 2010*

*Church Office Will Be Closed*



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### Church Weekly Schedule

#### Sunday

9:00 am Service - Worship Service  
10:00 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Traditional Service  
2:30 - 4:30 pm - Cub Scouts  
5:00 pm - Youth Group  
5:00 pm - Chancel Choir

#### Monday

6:00 pm Weight Watchers  
8:00 pm AA Meeting

#### Wednesday

5:45 pm Dinner/Women's Bible Study  
6:30-6:50 pm - Children's Choir / 6:50 - 7:30 pm Youth Choir

#### Friday

7:00 pm - AA Meeting

#### Saturday

10:00 am Weight Watchers