

Hi Pleasant Grove UMC! It's Meredith, your new Associate Pastor and I've got to tell you about our new worship service. It is called "**The Grove**" and it will be held on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a soft launch on Sunday, September 11, to help us work the kinks out, and the big launch will be on Sunday, October 2.

With this new service **we hope to accomplish** many things. We hope this new service will be an option for those who already attend Pleasant Grove to grow spiritually through another type of worship. One that is energetic, contemplative, simple, engaging, authentic to Christ, and empowering. We hope to reach those in our church and outside our church who are searching for a non-traditional service, congregation, and church that will help meet their needs spiritually so that they can grow in their relationship with Christ and share that life with others.

Our goal is to be authentic to the preaching, teaching, and life of Jesus Christ as shared with us through the Holy Bible (Scripture), life teachings of our Church Fathers and Mothers (Tradition), what we as Christians living in the 21st century find relative to our way of life and thinking (Reason), and through our own experiences with Christ through interactions with all these things, The Holy Spirit, and others (Experience).

We hope to **reach the churched and un-churched**. We hope to reach those who have felt distant from the Body of Christ because of the various effects this world can have on their spirits which lead them away from a relationship with Christ. We hope to be welcoming to all people regardless of any difference between us, for Christ has called all to His side to be loved and share His love.

I am looking forward to seeing your bright and joyful faces at this service in the coming weeks!

Blessings,
Pastor Meredith

August Attendance

August 7 - 274
August 14 - 235
August 21 - 309
August 28—TBD

August Offering

August 7 - \$11,886.56
August 14 - \$8,299.50
August 21 - \$9,661.46
August 28 - TBD

Needed in August - \$37,767.60

Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness to Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

It takes each and every one of us to make the body of Christ thrive in this place. Your attendance and your financial support are critical for the health of our church.

Please note that our budget year runs from July 1—June 30.

BAPTISMS

- Cameron Sarver

CONCERNS

- Bob & Mary Anderson
- Bobbie Bailey
- Herb & Madelyn Bateman
- Foye Lee Beck
- Mary Ruth Hall
- James & Lorraine Hollis
- Joe Lupton
- C.P. & Mary Ann Minnick
- Geneva Moorefield
- Hilde & Bonnie Richmond

SYMPATHIES TO

- Meredith Snider on the loss of her friend, Ginger
- Amy Light on the loss of her uncle

If you have a prayer concern that you would like to bring to the attention of the congregation please contact the church office at 787-7763 or pgumc1@aol.com.

<p>Meet Bill Speri...</p> <p>For those of you who haven't already met Bill, he is the Administrative Council Chair at Pleasant Grove. Bill and his wife, Niki, started attending PGUMC in 2001 when their oldest daughter Taylor was 3 months old. Taylor is now 10, sister Mackenzie is 7, and brother Carter is 6. Since the beginning Bill has enjoyed Jay's sermons and was hooked when Jay mentioned ESPN during a sermon! Bill has served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, he has also served on the Stewardship Committee as both a member and as chair. Currently he serves as the Chairperson of the Administrative Council and as President of the United Methodist Men's group.</p>	<p>anything they do together.</p> <p>When asked to describe PGUMC in ten seconds, Bill responded with, "A great place for kids and families, a place where you can find your niche pretty easily, and a pipeline to a variety of opportunities that can help you become the best person you can be.</p> <p>We are so thankful that the Speri family found PGUMC and are continually in awe of their participation and mindfulness when it comes to their church.</p>
<p>Bill loves the fact that his kids have "grown up" within the walls of the church and that PGUMC focuses on children. One of Bill's favorite sayings is we don't "have" to go to church, we "get" to go to church. One of the best things about the church in Bill's eyes are the people. He has a great respect for Jay, Julie, and Lucinda and all the amazing things they do behind the scenes. PGUMC has also given him the opportunity to develop an amazing group of friends and the chance to interact with all the men of the church. He loves the various endeavors with the men's group and enjoys just about</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yoga anyone?</p> <p>Pleasant Grove will offer yoga classes starting Wednesday, September 14, through the month of December. The classes will alternate weekly on Wednesday & Thursday evenings starting at 6:30 p.m. They will meet in the Fellowship Hall—each session is \$5 and will last approximately 50 minutes. No previous yoga experience is necessary. If you are interested, please contact Brandi Walker at brandi@creative-correspondence.com. There is a waiver form that will need to be completed and turned in at the first session you attend. You may attend one or all of the sessions, there is no commitment required.</p>

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Jonathan Minnick
Ellen House
Jack Della Rosa
Lila Padden | 20 Addison Spell
21 Allana Minnick
Paxton Phelps
22 Joni Holliday
Rochelle Grieco |
| 3 Dana Murphy | 23 Jana Gudger |
| 4 Sterling Hensley | 24 Greg Howes
Megan Hopson
Adam Schreiner
Brennan Murphy |
| 5 Cleta Shaw | 25 Tucker Soltesz |
| 6 Kay Letterman | 26 Justin York
Amos Brown
Harper Minnick
Tommy Kelley
Zane Sizemore |
| 7 Stacy Potratz | 27 Phil Farrell |
| 8 Challie Sullivan
Beth Lucas
C. P. Minnick
Don Carter | 28 Bill Umphlett
Jennifer Piscorik
Jeff Tanaka
Andrei McCartin
Shura McCartin
Matt Lowder
Madeline May
Randy Birth |
| 9 Kristin O'Connell
Eric Cousins
Peyton Cleveland | 29 Mike Gupton |
| 10 Matt Day | 30 Kelly Brown
Lauren Hoffman
Linda Griggs
Irene Rivers |
| 11 Kelley Proffitt
Scot Della Rosa
Katherine Temple | |
| 12 Beth Sizemore
Kelcey Lawson | |
| 13 Chelsea Brown
Anders Olsen
Kenny Poole | |
| 14 Albriana Morales
Rob Ziemba
David Liverett | |
| 15 Emily Ostling
Elizabeth Ostling
Bill Krieski
Lucas Willey | |
| 17 Cassidy Morales
Wayne Barnes
Daniel Higdon | |
| 18 Toby Sarver | |
| 19 Lianne DeMarte | |

Attention parents of school-aged children! Perfect attendance awards will be given to Sunday school students who are present at Sunday school every session from September 11–November 20. The award for perfect attendance will be a \$5 Goodberry's gift card. Please contact Damon Light, Education Committee Chairperson, at dlight@nc.rr.com if you have any questions.

Follow us on Facebook! Search for Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church on Facebook and you'll find PGUMC's overall site and another site devoted to our music programs. If you have a Facebook account, "like" our site to add us to your newsfeed. You can also share your thoughts and photos with your PGUMC family. Even if you don't have an account, you can still view the sites. For more information please contact our Communications Committee Co-Chairs, Kim Matthews (jmatthews29@nc.rr.com) or Jane Albright (jalbright3@nc.rr.com).

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

Please make arrangements to switch with someone if you cannot make it on your assigned day. Notify Lucinda Sullivan of any changes.

	11:00 a.m. Acolytes
9/4	Harper Minnick, Kara Lakey
9/11	Justin York
9/18	Sydney McGee
9/25	Taylor Speri

<p><i>There will be a training session for <u>new</u> acolytes on Sunday, September 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. All kids in 3rd grade and up who would like to serve as an acolyte are invited to attend. Please contact the church office for more information.</i></p>

	11:00 a.m. Nursery
9/4	Jennifer Piscorik, Hanna/Melissa Beers
9/11	Lauren Mitcheltree, Lindsay Osterhoudt
9/18	Megan Pfanmiller, Laura Padden
9/25	Sherry Gentry-Gasper, Kaitlan Phelps

	8:30 a.m. Children's Church	11:00 a.m. Children's Church
9/4	Victoria Bass	Pfeifer/Cannon
9/11	Jill Liverett	Murphy/Olsen
9/18	Kelcey Lawson	Mann/Carle & Beers
9/25	Kristy Scheele	Simmons/Brame

FOOD AND FACILITY VOLUNTEERS

Please make arrangements to switch with someone if you cannot make it on your assigned day. Notify Lucinda Sullivan of any changes.

Altar Guild	Linda Griggs & Lib Upchurch
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	Open/Close
9/4	Don Carter
9/11	Joe Padden
9/18	Anna Quinn
9/25	Eric Cousins

Please help keep our Sanctuary tidy. Worship bulletins may be placed in the recycling box in the Narthex. Bibles and hymnals should be returned to the pew pockets. Trash may be disposed of in the trash cans in the Narthex or the church hallways. Children's worship supplies should be returned to the cabinet in the Narthex. ***Also, please remember that food & drinks are discouraged in the Sanctuary at all times.***

8:30 a.m.	Bread	Ushers
9/4	Linda Hufnagel	Larry Mosiman, Bill Umphlett
9/11	Jill Liverett	Silas Bass, Eric Townsend
9/18	Leslie Schreiner	Mike Della Rosa, Sharon Nelson
9/25	Fay Davenport	Bob Hufnagel, Roger Snyder

11:00 a.m.	Bread	Ushers
9/4	Renee Sarver	Wayne Barnes, Steve Lebria, TBD
9/11	Ellen House	Bill Krieski, Karen Jassmann, Randy Jassmann, Mark Potratz
9/18	Debbie Dragon	Jeff Cleveland, Sandy Jennekens, Dana Murphy, Sherwin Murphy
9/25	Deanna Bruen	Melinda Brown, Mike Brown, Jean Farrell, Phil Farrell

Wednesday Night Dinner, September 7, 5:30 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

The United Methodist Women will be hosting our Wednesday night dinner on September 7. The menu will include spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread drinks, and dessert. Freewill donations will be accepted to benefit UMW future mission projects. UMW fundraisers support missions through the United Methodist Conference, organizations such as The Healing Place, and by providing support to families in need of assistance.



PG Moms in Motion

Calling all moms with kids who have not yet entered kindergarten! Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. for the first PG Moms in Motion meeting of the year. We'll be discussing 10 ways to improve your child's self confidence. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall and childcare will be provided. For more information please contact Lindsay Osterhoudt at 649-9351 or lindsay047@gmail.com.

WIHN, September 11-18

Again this year Pleasant Grove is partnering with Millbrook UMC to help address the homeless situation in Wake County through the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network (WIHN). At the WIHN Day Center services are provided to homeless individuals and families who are choosing to make better lives for themselves. In the evenings the clients stay overnight at one of many local churches. Millbrook UMC is one such church, and will act as overnight hosts for the week of September 11-18.

The role that Pleasant Grove plays is to provide morning and evening transportation for the clients between Millbrook UMC and the WIHN Method Road Day Center. We use the church van for this. In addition, we provide one evening meal at Millbrook.

If you feel that you can drive the church van for one of the 14 morning or afternoon driving slots from September 11-18, please contact Bob Starkes at 848-1696 or barjstarkes@nc.rr.com. Van drivers must have a DMV records check processed by the church office. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the meal at Millbrook UMC on September 12. Please contact Beth Sizemore at 870-0780 or elizabeth.sizemore@duke.edu if you can help with the meal.

From the Outreach Committee

September is Undie Sunday month! Clothing donations rarely include underwear, yet we all know how important those garments are for each of us. During the month of September, please take the time to purchase a package or two of underwear for those in our community who may be in need. Then drop your drawers in the collection bin in the Narthex when you come to church!

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for local children. Through your generosity, they'll have the tools they'll need for a successful start of the school year.

I Didn't Know We Did That!

Lindsay Osterhoudt coordinates meals for members of our church family who need a little help after an extended illness, a surgical procedure, or when there's been an addition to a family through birth or an adoption.

Volunteers are needed to help provide meals for this important ministry. If you'd like to share your culinary talents with others, please contact Lindsay at 649-9351 or lindsay047@gmail.com.



I am deeply touched by your generosity and expressions of Christian love. Your financial gifts have made it possible to bring Suzie home so she can receive medical treatment here in the United States.

Thank you for your continued support of love, prayers, and concern for Suzie and our family during this extremely difficult time.

Your sister in Christ,
Mattie Benforado

I would like to thank Pleasant Grove for all of the prayers, cards, and phone calls when my father passed away in May. It helps to know that I have a caring and concerned family at Pleasant Grove.

Mandy Cousins

The Wake Co. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is thankful to be able to use space again at Pleasant Grove to provide a *Family to Family* class starting on Saturday, September 17. The class is a free 12-week course for family caregivers of individuals with mental illness. For more information about the class please contact Julie Fritz at 848-8934.

**Youth Group Kick-off
The Almost Anything Goes
Olympics!**

Sunday, September 11, 5:00 p.m.

If you have kids in 3rd through 12th grade or if you ARE a kid who started 3rd through 12th grade this year, come to the back parking lot of PGUMC on Sunday, September 11, from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. for our annual Youth Group Kick-off. Even if you've never been to our youth groups—Quest, Middle School Youth, or Sr. High Youth—please join us. We will have music, snacks, and ridiculous Olympic team events. Child-care will be provided for kids under 3rd grade. **DON'T MISS THIS EVENT**—you haven't been this silly all year!

Volunteers Needed for Greatminds

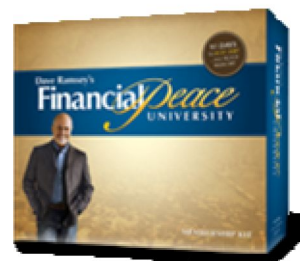
Greatminds is our mentoring program for elementary and middle school aged kids who live in the Stonecrest Community. This school year, we'll focus on having special events for the kids rather than weekly meetings. Volunteers are urgently needed for this ministry. If you can help, please contact Kim Arwood at barwood1@nc.rr.com or Lucinda in the church office.

Financial Peace University

Our third Financial Peace University (FPU) class will start on Sunday, September 18, from 5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m. FPU is a 13-week program that empowers and teaches you how to make the right decisions to achieve your financial goals through God's plan for your life. The course includes practical lessons on eliminating debt, building wealth, giving like never before, and much more.

The class is for everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed. Over 1 million families and individuals have attended FPU. On average, FPU graduates have paid off over \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 during the 91 day program!

You can register for the class at daveramsey.com or by contacting Patricia Hoffman at (919) 783-4993. Don't miss this opportunity to take knowledge given to us by God and turn it into real action in your life!



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Our Mission Statement

We exist to be the Body of Christ in the world.

Our Vision Statement

***Our vision is to reach all through hospitality, engage all in ministries,
and enable all to grow spiritually.***

THE DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER
NEWSLETTER IS SEPTEMBER 26.