

RIDGE RAMBLINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHESTNUT RIDGE UMC
EFLAND, NC



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A look back at some 2011 Church Events

January 2011;

- Joseph Park, Duke Intern for Academic Semester preaches.

February 2011;

- New worship service format with traditional and contemporary music under direction of Julie Perez, Music Director/Pianist and assisted by Ben Carroll, Duke Seminarian and volunteer guitarist.
- Joyce Clayton and Dorothy Walker attended the Advanced Academy of Christian Witness at Camp Caswell, on Oak Island.
- UMYF attended Burlington District Youth Lock-In, sponsored a Super-Bowl Pizza Fundraiser and attended the "INFUSE" outing @ Lake Junaluska.

March 2011;

- UMM sponsored a Brunswick Stew Fundraiser; Youth sponsored a "Parent Date Night" fundraiser and attended an outing at Z-Bowl.
- Lent began on 3/9; Pastor Sang observed Prayer Week 3/21-25 @ Mepkin Abbey, SC.

April 2011;

- Pastor Sang attended Academy for Evangelism at Camp Rockfish; Farewell to Joseph Park, Ministry Intern at end of month.
- Youth had a movie night outing and honored Senior Citizens with a wonderful Banquet.
- April 17-23 Passion Week activities included: Easter Egg Hunt, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service and Holy Friday Tanabrae Service and concluding with Sunrise Service and Easter Sunday Worship Services.
- Morning Bible Study group travelled to the Billy Graham Library and enjoyed an Easter Play at the NarroWay Live Theatre.

May 2011;

- Love for Liberia campaign underway, also special offering for NC tornado victims (flood buckets)
- Youth; "Smile" fundraiser with portraits by Joan Cecil; Mother's Day was celebrated.
- Celebrated Laity Witness Sunday and a Worship Service by the Ridge Kids with assistance of the Youth.
- Bid farewell to Ben Carroll, Duke Seminarian, as he returns to Mississippi and new appointment as Pastor in Jackson.

June 2011;

- Andy Scott (CR) and Jonathan Lett (CG), Duke Summer Interns begin; Fathers Day was celebrated; New Graduates were honored; A Healing Service was conducted.
- Annual Conference held in Raleigh; VBS with Efland area churches; Home Coming with Rev. Belton Joyner, guest speaker.

July 2011

- Roof/Shingle replacement begins; Weekly Thursday youth activities offered with Andy and Jonathan; Heart Song Musical Group from Ohio performs to benefit Missionaries, Adam Jones and family; Thirty Hour Famine Fundraiser observed; Farewell to Andy and Jonathan, Duke Summer Interns.

August 2011

- Back to School Bash; Youth sponsored "Date Night for Parent's" fundraiser; Tyler Moore, Youth Lay Speaker preached.

September 2011

- Celebrate beautiful new roof; 50 new chairs for sanctuary to be ordered. Carpet replaced in sanctuary. Bathrooms refurbished in Parsonage; Debra Elmore re-organizes classrooms, Prayer Room and Library; We welcome Ms. Young Lee as a new member; The ABIDE group forms; Jason Elmore is voted by congregation as 2011 Lay Person of the Year.

October 2011

- Successful Harvest Festival and Youth fundraiser at the Efland Rodeo; No Duke intern available for Academic Year. New chairs fill the recently carpeted back of the sanctuary.

November 2011

- District ABIDE group hosted by CR; Cluster Charge Conference; Community Thanksgiving Worship Service; Mission Seed Collection during Advent begins. Applied for Duke Endowment funds to upgrade church bathrooms for special need access.

December 2011

- Hanging of the Greens; Christmas Cantata; Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services; Support for Toys for Tots, Mitten Tree; Samaritan Relief Shoe Boxes; Shampoo for Yokefellows; UMM BBQ fundraiser; Joyful celebration of our Savior's birth.

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We give all praise and glory to God for the blessings He has bestowed.

Church Membership Checklist

A Guide for Lay Members

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When a person officially joins with a congregation, he or she makes a commitment to participate in the ministries, financial support, and decision-making of the church. Therefore, the church not only counts members, it counts on them to be a formal part of the body of Christ and to accept and exercise their responsibilities in that role. People who join a United Methodist Church commit to "uphold the church by their prayers, their presence, their gifts, their service and their witness." Honoring this membership commitment through a lifetime builds a strong community of believers who are disciples of Jesus Christ. Here is a brief description of each vow and a checklist of suggestions to fulfill the vow.

Prayers

Prayer is conversation with God. Your relationship with God grows the same way that significant human relationships grow. You have to give time and attention to special relationships. As your faith develops and grows, you spend more and more time with God.

- Set aside some time each day to talk with God. There are many daily devotionals, Bible reading guides, books of meditations, forms of prayer to help you. Ask your pastor or other church member for suggestions. Learn and try new ways to pray. Increase the time you talk with God each day. The Apostle Paul urges prayer "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Presence

A commitment to presence means we pay attention to the time and to the place we are at the present moment. This is actually a hard practice because people tend to be thinking about the past or future. Yet our Christian commitment is to pay attention to the present moment, looking and listening for God's guidance. When we promise "presence" to the congregation, we commit to be engaged to the place and people who compose both the congregation and the community the congregation serves.

- Attend worship weekly where you are. Build deeper relationships with people in the congregation and the community through regular participation in a small group, fellowship opportunities, and service projects. Pay full attention to your location and to the people you are with at church, at work or school, and at home.

Gifts

This commitment encourages us to use our spiritual gifts, our natural abilities, our material assets, our training and experience to uphold God's church. We have opportunities each day to discover and develop gifts, then a responsibility through this vow to full stewardship of our time, abilities, and finances.

- Maximize opportunities through church, work, school, and relationships to discover and develop your natural and spiritual gifts, and to expand your experience. This is referred to in the Bible as *growing in wisdom*. Practice recycling and wise stewardship of the earth's resources. Manage your material assets wisely. Learn about and practice financial management and biblical giving of money and resources. John Wesley would say *earn all you can and give all you can*.

Service

The commitment to service reminds us that Jesus' life was an example of living as a servant and his words instructed his disciples to do the same.

- Participate in church service and mission projects. When you recognize an unmet need, work with others to try to meet the need. Volunteer regularly to serve the church community through office work, teaching, building clean-up, Sunday morning service, and other ways. Volunteer regularly for community service, such as school tutoring, clean-up and recycling, disaster recovery, and other ways.

Witness

A promise to witness reminds us that other people see and hear us all the time. Our living, our words, our actions and commitments are a witness to our priorities. Upholding God's church with our witness is a vow to let our life speak, 24/7.

- Live with integrity so that your words and actions honor God, honor yourself, and honor others. Greet and speak warmly to others, especially visitors in your church, co-workers and people with whom you live, do business and interact every day. Learn how to share your faith naturally and comfortably; invite people to attend church events with you.

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Committees of Chestnut Ridge UMC 2012 Officers

LAY LEADERSHIP (Chair: Sang Park)

Class of 2012

Ann Osburn
Lynn Ray

Class of 2013

Joyce Clayton
Karen Holmes

Class of 2014

Debra Elmore
Ronnie Cecil

Lay Leader: Chuck Collins
Pastor (Chair): Sang Seon Park
Vice-Chair- Presents report to Church Council; Chuck Collins (Lay Leader)

PASTOR/PARISH RELATIONSHIP (Chair: Dorothy Walker) (Ridge-Garden Charge Joint PPRC Chair: Chuck Collins)

Class of 2012

Sally Ivey
Kay Brown

Class of 2013

Jason Elmore
Gertrude Jones

Class of 2014

Ann Osburn
Johnny Cates

Lay Leader: Chuck Collins
Lay Member to AC: Dorothy Walker (2010)
Youth Rep.: Tyler Moore (2012)

TRUSTEES (Chair: Joan Cecil)

Class 2012

Joan Cecil
Lindsay Tapp

Class 2013

Debbie Clayton
Jimmy Cheek

Class 2014

Jason Elmore
Rick Moore
Richard Brown

FINANCE (Chair: Chuck Collins)

Jason Elmore (Council Chair)	Kay Brown (Treasurer)
Chuck Collins (Lay Leader)	<u>Lynn Ray</u> (Finance Secretary)
Dorothy Walker (Lay Member to AC)	Sally Ivey (Rep of PPRC)
<u>Joan Cecil</u> (Rep. Trustees)	Sang Seon Park (Pastor)

EDUCATION AND NURTURE (Chair: Denise Collins)

Debbie Clayton Dana Clayton Debra Elmore Kim Allen

Tracy Smith (Children's Director)

OUTREACH AND WITNESS (Chair: Joyce Clayton)

Dorothy Walker	Gertrude Jones	Doris Cook
Rick Moore	Ronny Cecil	Nita Stollard
<u>Nancy Holmes</u>	<u>Carolyn Hicks</u>	

WORSHIP & WELCOMING COMMITTEE (Chair: Merita Cheek)

Merita Cheek (Communion)	Marietta Ray (Ushers Coordinator)
Gertrude Jones (Flowers)	Julie Perez
Sang Park (Pastor)	
Chuck Collins (Liturgist/Lay Speaker)	
Hilda Sykes, Jason Elmore, Alex Sykes, Sally Ivey (Welcoming Team)	
Ann Osburn (Congregation feedback)	

COMMUNICATION TEAM

Kim Allen (Web Master)
Dorothy Walker (Newsletter Coordinator)
Joan Cecil (Photographer)
Jordan Elmore (Youth)
Hilda Sykes (Volunteer) Sarah Copple (Volunteer) Joyce Clayton (Volunteer)

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL:
JASON ELMORE (CHAIR PERSON)
DOROTHY WALKER (SECRETARY)
SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT: TBD
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: LYNN RAY
UMM PRESIDENT: RICK MOORE
VICE-PRESIDENT: RONNY CECIL
SECRETARY: TYLER MOORE
TREASURER: JASON ELMORE

UMYF PRESIDENT: TYLER MOORE
YOUTH LEADERS: DEBRA ELMORE,
ANGELA BOBAL
YOUTH TO ACS: TYLER MOORE

INTERIM CHOIR DIRECTOR: ANN OSBURN
INTERIM PIANIST: JANE PARK
CHILDRENS DIRECTOR: TRACY SMITH
PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY COORDINATOR:
GERTRUDE JONES
LEGACY PARTNER REP.: JOHNNY CATES
DISASTER PREPAREDNESS REP.:
ROGER IVEY
TEN DOLLAR CLUB REP.: KAY BROWN

Prayer Requests

Members

Inez Shambley	Edna Dawkins	Sam Cates	Jason Elmore
Chris Scott	Tina Hooker & family	Julie & Jeff Perez	Karen Holmes
Paul Cates	Kim Allen	Jimmy Cheek	Gertrude Jones
Sarah Copple	Allen Cates	Marietta Ray	Joan Cecil's family
Hilda Sykes	Chuck Collins		

Unspoken Prayers of the people

Friends and Family

Joyce Collins	Annie Laura Turner	Michael Byrd	Michael Glasgow
Curtis & Michelle Turner	Bobby Kearns	Howard (Todd) Coble	Lauren Tatum
Jamie Holden	Jonathan Ray	Melissa Pulliam	Family of Bob Swindell
Penny Smith	Vera Terrell	Ava Elizabeth Rich	Curtis Turner
Jennifer Walsh	Warren Ray	Joyce Bradshaw	Ed Oldham
Daphine Agee	Mason Thompson	Family of Kevin Knight	Lilly Philpott
Junior Robbins			

Those who are serving in the military at home and overseas:
 Marv Singer, Na Darius Whitfield, Wes Hughes, Justin Bobal, Jordan Mark Wilkinson,
 Justin Pennington (Marietta's grandson), Joelle Ray (Afghanistan)

Ann Osburn and Jane Park as Interim Music Director and Pianist

The Ridge-Garden Charge
 The Ministry and Mission of Chestnut Ridge UMC
 ABIDE TEAM
 Children's Church



February 2012 Community Calendar

- 2/1 7:00 pm Choir Practice (1st & 3rd Wednesday)
 2/4 5-7 pm "All You Can Eat Soup" CR UMM Fundraiser
 Held @ Efland Ruritan Club Building
 No Charge--Donations Welcomed
 2/5 11:00 am Worship Service w/Communion
 11:30-2 Clover Garden Soup Bowl @ CGUMC
 Youth Overnight Lock-In @ Burlington YMCA (see Mrs. Debra for times and details)
 2/6th -11th Pastor Sang's Prayer Week Retreat at the Holy Cross Abbey Retreat Center in Va.
 2/6 9:30 am Morning Bible Study (1st & 3rd Monday)
 5:00 pm Food for All delivery to HUMC (1st & 3rd Mon.)
 2/7 7:00 pm Yoke fellow Prison Ministry
 (Each Tues. except last Tues. of month)
 2/13 7:00 pm Worship Committee meeting
 2/14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY
 2/16 9:30-2 Third Thursday @ Camp CR for seniors
 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
 2/19 11:00 am Rev. Bill Gattis, will preach at Dedication Service
 (time TBA) Baby Shower for Julie & Jeff Perez
 2/20 7:00 pm Lay Leadership Committee Meeting
 2/22 Ash Wednesday (Beginning of Lent)
 2/28 7:00 pm Joint PPRC Meeting



Don't forget the UMM Soup Fundraiser. Many different soups will be prepared and donated by the men and women of Chestnut Ridge UMC. There will be no charge, but donations are gratefully accepted to help support church projects.

Saturday Feb. 4th

5-7 PM at the Efland Ruritan Club

(Special thanks to the Ruritan Club for use of their building!)

Celebrations and Appreciations

Birthdays

- 2/1 Missy Cecil
 2/2 Kate Allison
 2/4 Leigh Osburn
 2/13 Denise Collins
 2/21 Noah Collins
 2/22 Sally Ivey
 2/24 Debra Elmore
 2/26 Katie Ivey
 2/27 Debbie Clayton
 2/27 Neal Collins



2/14 Happy Valentine's Day

Anniversaries

None for Feb.

Special appreciation goes to Julie Perez for her many years of service as Music Director and sharing her wonderful gifts and talents.

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*We give thanks to Ann Osburn and Jane Park for their gifts and service as Interim Director and Pianist*

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Pastor's Sabbath: Monday

Sunday Schedule:  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
(Including Children's Church)

Choir Practice  
1st & 3rd Wed. 7:00 pm

Morning Bible Study  
1st & 3rd Mon. 9:30 am

**As a community of believers in Jesus Christ, our vision is to be a "beacon of God's love reaching out and growing!"**  
**Our mission is GO and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ!**

**Community Outreach Needs—February 2012**  
**Canned Fruit & Applesauce**

**Deadline for Feb. 2012 Newsletter submissions:**  
**February 19, 2012**

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