

Ridge Ramblings

The Monthly Newsletter of Chestnut Ridge UMC
Efland, NC 27243



Roof over Our Head Revisited

(CRUMC Building Fund Update)

By Dorothy Walker and Johnny Cates

On February 28, 2009 first steps were taken to raise funds to replace our worn, leaky roof. Since that first Brunswick stew supper, other fund raisers have been held and special offerings have been made towards the Building Fund.

Demonstrating love and commitment to the care of God's House, there have been very generous contributions to this Fund and we are very close to being able to start work as the winter season passes.

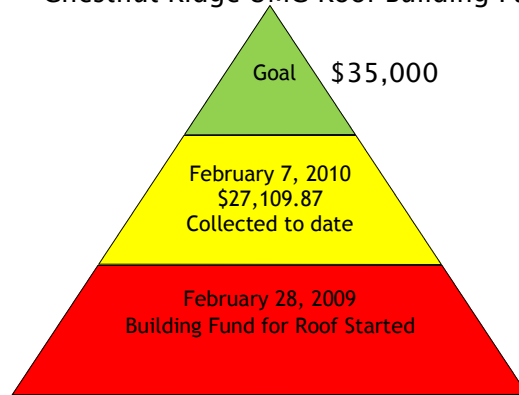
As this project is completed, there are other areas of the church building and space that need attention. The CRUMC Building Fund will remain in effect.

We offer praise and thanks to God for His blessings on Chestnut Ridge UMC.

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Chestnut Ridge UMC Roof Building Fund Goal



Thank You for Your Generous Support

Growing into the Future and Fulfilling God's Plans for Chestnut Ridge UMC

Under the leadership of Pastor Sang, plans are underway to invest in the future of Chestnut Ridge UMC in a special way. Pastor Sang and Chuck Collins, Lay Leader, have been in prayerful discussion for several months on the methods for Christian development that we currently offer our young ones. They recently presented a proposal to the Pastor Parish Relations Committee of hiring a part time children's minister. After much discussion, this was approved by the PPRC. It was then presented to Finance Committee, where it

was also approved. The final stage was the presentation to Administrative Church Council where the proposal was approved after much discussion.

A Job Description is being developed and active recruitment for a Children's Minister will begin in March. We ask that each person offer special prayers for the success of this exciting new "Leap of Faith". Our children are our future and worthy of our greatest investment.

Getting to know Sally Ivey

(In her own words)

I grew up in Raeford, NC which is a small town outside of Fayetteville. I have an older brother and a younger sister. My mother still lives in Raeford.

I graduated from East Carolina University in 1983. After graduation I moved to Raleigh to work for a property management company. In 1986 while at work a man that worked for the construction company of the apartments that I managed came into my office to ask me some questions. That man was Roger. We married in 1989 and that's when I moved to Efland.

I grew up in a Presbyterian church. When Roger and I talked about marriage and having a family he told me that he and his family had been attending Chestnut Ridge United Methodist Church all his life and he wanted to continue to go to this church. I moved my membership from my home town church to Chestnut Ridge in 1990.

In 1992 Morgan was born. When Morgan was growing up I was involved with Ridge Kids, Vacation Bible School and the Youth. My parents taught me my Christian values and they had a major influence on my life. Roger and I have also brought Morgan up in a loving Christian home.

(Editorial comment)

Sally continues to be active and involved in church leadership roles. She is a member of the Welcoming Team, Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC), Evening Bible Study and is PPRC representative to the Finance Committee. Sally has been instrumental in managing the "Angel Tree" project during Christmas season for a number of years. This project insures that a needy child from her school receives gifts at Christmas.

Chestnut Ridge UMC is blessed by Roger and Sally's decision to make it their family place of worship as they have raised Morgan to young adulthood.

"My parents taught me my Christian values..."

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Sally and Morgan Ivey

Small Groups, a Methodist Legacy

By Dorothy Walker

According to Global Ministries of the UMC, in 1789 John Wesley, founder of Methodism and his brother Charles, writer of more than 9000 hymns and poems, were students in Oxford, England. Along with two other gentlemen they began spending some evenings together each week, chiefly reading the Greek Testament. Over a period of years this group grew to around sixteen members. Initially they were called the "Holy Club". Due to the preciseness of their schedules and methods they were eventually addressed as "Methodists". Small group gatherings are still distinguishing marks of the Methodist Church.

When talking to many church members, a favorite topic is about the groups they remember attending as a child or groups their children were a part of. These small group activities appear to have a profound influence on their spiritual life and development. This holds true of today's worshipers.

Currently CRUMC offers Sunday School Classes for a variety of ages.

- 1) The Golden Oaks with 8-10 regular attendees
- 2) Faith Walkers with 6-8 regular attendees
- 3) The Seekers (Middle-High School)
* 3 regular attendees
- 4) Followers of Jesus (Elementary School)
* 3-4 regular attendees

Our present Sunday School groups are stable but growth has been slow. How can we use the Wesley's example to grow attendance and spiritually fulfill our Christian Mission? How can you and I make a difference? All suggestions are welcomed.

Kim Allen, Sunday School Superintendent, is currently working to organize a class for young people of high school to college age. We ask for God's guidance and pray that this effort will be fruitful.



This past year we have seen the start up of two Women's Bible Study groups. (See Bulletin Board for schedules). These have been highly successful with an average of 6-8 women attending each session. Along with studying Scripture and learning better study habits, we have formed bonds and found personal support in fellowship and Christian love. These Bible Studies are open to the community and we encourage you to invite your neighbor.

Third Thursday's is a day at Camp Chestnut Ridge for seniors. CR has committed to provide payment for up to 10 CRUMC members for each monthly get together. Seniors from all around the Burlington District attend and it is a day of Christian Fellowship and fun. We currently have 2-4 CR members who attend regularly. Joyce Clayton sends in reservations the Monday before the 3rd Thursday so see her to sign up.



The United Methodist Men (UMM) have a long history of faithful work and service to the church and to the community. After many years as leader, Roger Ivey recently handed over that position to Rick Moore. These 6-12 men have been instrumental in organizing and helping with many fund raising activities. They meet monthly on the 2nd Sunday in the Fellowship Hall where they share devotions, prepare their supper and make plans for the future.

So, in the Wesleyan tradition, small groups continue to flourish at Chestnut Ridge. If you are not already a member won't you prayerfully consider joining? Would you invite a friend, family or neighbor to partake of the richness of Christian fellowship as we give thanks and praise to our Savior?



Prayer List

Members

Amber Ray Jones	Jonathan Ray	Allen Cates	Michael Elmore
Katelyn Elmore	Lambert Cates	Gordon and Lois Elmore	Kim Allen
Inez Shambley	Lynn Ray	Edna Dawkins	Sam Cates
Frances Thompson	Gertrude Jones	Jason Elmore	Sarah Copple
Tina Hooker	Jordan Elmore	Shanna Collins	Christie Anspach
Debra Elmore	Nancy Holmes	Unspoken prayer	

Family and Friends

Joyce Collins	Doris Lawrence	Ann Laura Turner	Jane Edwards	Frances Wall
Chris Scott	Jane Park	Ronald Collins	Chris Tapp	Emagrace Blanton
Hugh Eckerd	Jackie Shoffner	Jervey Huskey	Angela Ellis	Cecil Davis
Susie Wood	Connie Wood	Katelyn Johnson	Larry Jones	Mickey Elmore
Randy Clark	Ron Perry	Brenda Wall	Kim Williams	Manley Dodson
The Family of Ed Bird	The Smith Family	The Sharon Toney Family		The Love Family
The Pritchard Family	Lexie Hindsdale	Rodney Coble		

Those who are serving in the military at home and overseas:

Marv Singer, Na Darius Whitfed, Wes Hughes, Justin Bobal, Jordan Wilkenson (wounded in Iraq)

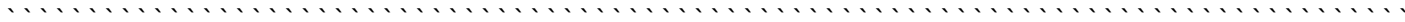
The Ministry, Mission and Choir of Chestnut Ridge UMC

Those affected by the economy

Special prayers for Pastor Sang, for his ministry of **two** congregations

The people of Haiti and those who are assisting them

The residents of Britt Haven Care Center and their families



Birthdays

- 3/1 Joan Cecil
- 3/5 Peggy Cates
- 3/5 Frances Carter Westbrook
- 3/8 Lynn Ray
- 3/11 Darty Clayton
- 3/15 Andrea Lewis
- 3/29 Gordon Elmore
- 3/29 Michael Johns
- 3/30 Sang Park

Celebration

Lilly Park is traveling to Nicaragua from Feb. 25th - March 4th to learn about the economy and serve children at a Spanish speaking elementary school. Thank you for all the support and ongoing prayers...from Lilly and the Park Family

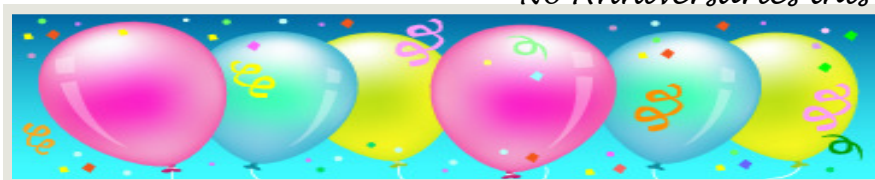


Happy
St. Patrick's Day



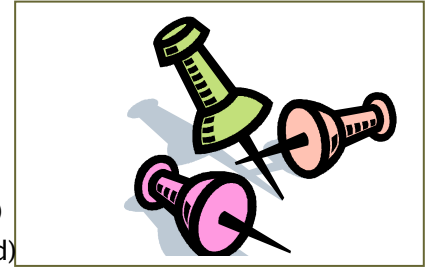
March 17th

No Anniversaries this month



Community Bulletin Board

- 3/1 10 am Morning Bible Study @ Dorothy Walker's home (1st & 3rd Monday)
5 pm Food for All delivery to HUMC (1st & 3rd Monday) see signup sheet
7 pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 3/2 Day of Learning @ Edenton St. UMC in Raleigh (Sang is to attend)
- 3/4 5 pm Chicken Pie Supper for Camp CR Afterschool kids and families
* 7 pm Evening Bible Study (every other Thursday @ Fellowship Hall)
- 3/7 12:15 Monthly Fellowship Meal following Worship Service (March birthdays)
- 3/8 6:30 pm Central Conference Pension Dinner (Sang, Lay Leader/AC to attend)
- 3/13 4:30-7 pm Fish Fry Fundraiser Supper sponsored by the United Methodist Men
- 3/14 3 pm Haiti Project Work Day of assembling Health Kits (Light covered dish meal will follow)
5 pm UMM
- 3/15 7 pm Lay Leadership Committee Meeting (Rescheduled)
- 3/18 9:30-2 pm 3rd Thursday Seniors Day at Camp CR (reservations to Joyce Clayton by 3/15)
- 3/20 6-10 am Country Ham Breakfast Fundraiser @ Clover Garden UMC
- 3/28 12:15 pm Fellowship Meal (moved forward from March 7th due to Easter)
Children's Easter Egg Hunt will follow Fellowship Meal (see signup sheet for filled egg donations)



Special thanks for raising over \$500 so far for the Haiti Relief Fund
Thank you for the \$34.00 and 21 lbs of canned food donated to OCIM for Souper Bowl Sunday

The Lighter Side: The Summary of Life

Submitted by: Joyce Clayton

GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED

1. No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats!
2. When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair!
3. If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person
4. Never ask your 3 year old brother to hold a tomato
5. You can't trust dogs to watch your food
6. Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair
7. Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time
8. You can't hide a piece of broccoli in your glass of milk
9. The best place to be when you are sad is on Grandma's lap



GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED

1. Raising teenagers is like nailing jello to a tree
2. Wrinkles don't hurt...till you see'em in a mirror
3. Families are like fudge, mostly sweet with a few nuts
4. Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground
5. Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO FORGET THE TROUBLES THAT PASS YOUR WAY BUT NEVER FORGET TO THANK GOD
FOR THE BLESSINGS THAT COME EACH DAY!

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Worship Service 11:00 am
Choir Practice:
1st & 3rd Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.crumc-nc.org

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 to GO and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ.

March Food Needs for OCIM are:
Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken, Ham, Salmon)

Just for Kids:
Fruit Cups

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