

# RIDGE RAMBLINGS

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF CHESTNUT RIDGE UMC  
EFLAND, NC



## Annual Harvest Festival October 10, 2009

By: Dorothy Walker

The time is rapidly approaching for our BIG fund raising event of the year. In the past, some proceeds have been used to help build our current church, parsonage and the fellowship hall addition. In especially lean years, some have helped meet our operating budget.

For 2009, it is our prayer to have a fruitful event and apply the proceeds to our Building Fund for a new roof. Please invite your friends and neighbors to come and have fun, good food and fellowship.

There will be a Country Store in the afternoon with unique items for sale.

## Hallelujah Night--Family Fun Time—October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9:00 pm

By: Dorothy Walker

Kids of all ages are invited to dress up and join in the fun on Hallelujah Night. We offer a safe alternative to traditional trick or treating.

A hot dog supper with trimmings will be served at 6 pm. Donations are accepted and will go towards Youth Pilgrimage expense in November.

After supper, take part in the Cake Walk. You may go home with a delicious cake. "Trunk or Treat" will be set up in the back

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A BBQ Supper (pork and chicken) will be offered, followed by the lively auction of many treasures plus homemade cakes. Pre-ordered Brunswick stew can be picked up at 4 pm. Supper will be served from 5-7 pm, followed by the auction.

SEE YOU THERE!!

parking lot with Halloween goodies being passed out to the trunk or treaters. Some participants decorate their vehicles, which add to the excitement.

We extend invitations to Clover Garden and Efland area churches to take part in our family fun night. Contact Denise Collins (563-5377) for more information.



## Hilda Elmore Sykes...A Spiritual Journey

I first started attending Chestnut Ridge Church in 1946 when my parents bought our farm in Orange County. I really liked being able to walk to Sunday School and church. Mr. Ollie Frank Jones was Sunday School Superintendent. I sometimes kept the attendance and offering records for him. We had a very active MYF at Chestnut Ridge during my teens. Edna Holmes was our MYF leader. At one time we numbered 35 young people. We also participated with Hebron Church youth. Edna Holmes was a great influence in my life.

Until I was married I went to Chestnut Ridge. After marrying Alex, I moved to Ft. Jackson, SC until he was shipped to Korea. I then moved back home with my parents and once again was active at Chestnut Ridge. This happened two more times when Alex was sent to Vietnam. Throughout this time, since 1946, I always had my ties to Chestnut Ridge and the community. We moved back in 1968 and built our home here in 1970.

I was a member of the United Methodist Women for years until it was disbanded and I was recognized by the presentation of the Life Membership Pin. I also held several different offices in the UMW. During the years I've served on several committees in the church, helped in Vacation Bible School, and taught Sunday School for children and adults.

There was a time when I felt I wasn't being spiritually fed at Chestnut Ridge so my sister, Carolyn, and I started praying for a bible study. We were led to one in Mebane, taught by Louise Bradley. Ladies from several different churches attended. I went for several years and felt as if I grew spiritually and loved my Bible even more under Louise's teaching...not that I left my church. I continued to support Chestnut Ridge and gave back some things I had learned.

My church has been very important to me most of my life, as I received God's salvation early in life. My faith has been my rock to learn on. One great joy was when I received the honor of being Lay Person of the Year in 1996. I can remember 16 ministers at Chestnut Ridge over at least 50 years in which I attended. I thank God I have deep roots in God's love and his people.

*"My faith has been my rock to lean on"*



Hilda Elmore Sykes

## Charge Conference

By: Dorothy Walker

Charge Conference will be held at Chestnut Ridge UMC on Oct. 20, 2009 at 6:30 pm.



Have you ever wondered just what the Charge Conference is about? In reviewing definitions, this is the description of Charge Conference from the UMC.org Glossary.

*Charge Conference is the basic governing body of each local United Methodist Church and is composed of all members of the Administrative Church Council. All members of the Charge Conference must be members of the local church. The Charge Conference must meet at least once per year. The Charge Conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for pastor and staff, elects members of the church council and recommends candidates for ordained ministry.*

This year we can expect presentations concerning CRUMC's: 1) Move into the future, 2) Evangelism growth, and 3) Pastor in Charge report.

### This `N That

- Don't forget October is Pastor Appreciation Month! Pastor Sang, you are our Good Shepherd and we are blessed to have you and your family! Praise be to God.
- We extent a warm welcome to Ben Carroll, Ministry Intern for academic year 2009–2010. Ben will be serving the Ridge–Garden Charge under Pastor Sang's supervision.
- Welcome Jacob Anspach, Samantha Bobal and Noah Collins, new Acolytes. We give thanks to all Acolytes for the important service they provide.
- October 4<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Meal will be Brunswick stew instead of our regular covered dish meal. Stew is provided by the UMM. Crackers, pickles, drinks and dessert are welcomed. Donations for the stew will be appreciated and benefit the Building Fund.
- If you are interested in helping the NC Therapeutic Riding Center at Clearwind Farms, please see Chris Scott. They especially need help with painting rooms during October. Visit their website at [www.nctrcriders.org](http://www.nctrcriders.org) for information.
- Orange Chapel–Clover Garden UMC Youth Groups meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. We are grateful that our children are invited to attend. See Kim Allen for more information.
  - \*Kids of the Cross for 3<sup>rd</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> graders 2:–3:30 pm at Orange Chapel UMC
  - \*All 4 Him for Kindergarten–2<sup>nd</sup> graders 2:15–3:15 at Clover Garden UMC
  - \*Little Lambs for 3 years–Pre K 2:15–3:15 pm at Clover Garden UMC

## Prayer Requests

## Members

Amber Ray Jones  
 Jennifer Hooker  
 Jason Elmore  
 Sam Cates  
 Joyce Clayton  
 Joan Cecil  
 Peggy Cates  
 Julie & Jeff Perez

Allen Cates  
 Katelyn Elmore  
 Gloria Elmore  
 Frances Thompson  
 Dorothy Walker  
 Brandon Hooker  
 Gordon & Lois Elmore  
 Unspoken Prayers

Michael Elmore  
 Lambert Cates  
 Edna Dawkins  
 Hilda Sykes  
 Julie Perez  
 Kim Allen

## Military Service

Marv Singer  
 Na Darius Whitfed  
 Wes Hughes  
 Michael Edwards

## Friends and Family

Joyce Collins      Doris Lawrence      Ray de Friess      Beth Newton      Ann Laura Turner      Ronnie Holloway  
 Hunter Williams      Nichole Pittard      Sharon Tony      Connie Hooker      Doug Metcalfe      Jane Edward  
 Larry Jones      Ronnie Williams      Tracey Williams      Michelle Turner      Carl Curtis      Leslie Perez  
 Lisa Phelps      Rosalind Radcliffe      Chris Scott      Billy Hunter      Brenda & Jeff Wall      Jean Keller  
 The Sunny Family      The family of Grant Keller

Those who have lost loved ones ~ Those affected by the economy ~ The Ministry & Mission of CRUMC

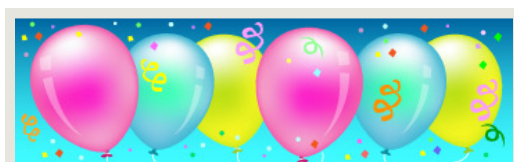
## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## Birthdays

10/4 Mackenzie Cates  
 10/10 Gertrude Jones  
 10/15 Doris Cecil  
 10/22 Merita Cheek  
 10/25 Tina Hooker  
 10/28 Ronnie Cecil

## Anniversaries

10/9 Jeff & Julie Perez  
 10/17 Wayne & Dorothy Walker  
 10/21 Kent & Renae Cates



## Community Bulletin Board

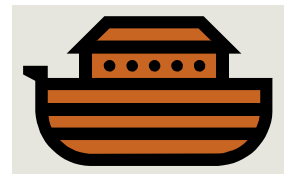


10/1 7 pm	Outreach & Witness Committee (Rescheduled from 9/29)
10/4 12 Noon	Brunswick Stew Meal following Worship Service
10/4 1 pm	Administrative Church Council (all members should attend to approve the 2010 Budget and Church Officers)
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10/4	BU District Youth Rally @ Camp Chestnut Ridge
10/5 10 am	Morning Bible Study 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday @ Dorothy Walker's home
10/5 5 pm	Food for All Delivery to Hillsborough UMC 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday (see signup sheet)
10/5-10/7 <sup>th</sup>	Duke Pastor Convocation
Week of 10/4	Harvest Festival preparation!! (See signup sheets for various duties and specific times)
10/10	HARVEST FESTIVAL--a Chestnut Ridge Church annual tradition for more than ½ century
10/11 2 pm	CROP WALK ( Hillsborough) -See Dorothy Walker for details
10/12-15 <sup>th</sup>	National Committee on Korean Reunification & Reconciliation of the UMC (Washington, D.C.)
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10/15-10/17	Academy of Christian Witness for Laity @ Camp Rockfish (Joyce Clayton & Dorothy Walker to attend)
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10/15 9:30-2 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ Camp Chestnut Ridge (Reservations to Joyce Clayton by 10/12)
10/15 7 pm	Evening Bible Study resumes every Thursday (Fellowship Hall)
10/18 2-3:30 pm	Kids of the Cross @ Orange Chapel UMC, All 4 Him & Little Lambs @ Clover Garden UMC
10/20 6:30 pm	Charge Conference @ CRUMC
10/24 4 pm	Efland Community Churches Planning Meeting @ CRUMC
10/30 6-9 pm	Hallelujah Night Family Fun Time For All Ages!

## All I really need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark

Courtesy of Crosswalk.com

1. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
2. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
3. Don't listen to critics - do what has to be done
4. Build on high ground
5. For safety's sake, travel in pairs
6. Two heads are better than one
7. Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board but so were the snails
8. If you can't fight or flee—float
9. Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth
10. Don't forget that we're all in the same boat
11. When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain—shovel!!
12. Stay below deck during storms
13. Remember the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals
14. If you have to start over, have a friend by your side
15. Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm outside
16. Don't miss the boat
17. No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side
18. "Stop what'cha doing, and do what God says!"



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Sunday School 9:45 am  
Worship Service 11:00 am  
Choir Practice 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.  
7:00 pm

*We're on the Web!*

*Visit us at:*

[www.crumc-nc.org](http://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 GO and make passionate disciples for Jesus Christ!**

OCIM food for Oct:  
Pasta and Pasta Sauce  
Just for Kids:  
Spaghetti O's, Ravioli, Beef-a-Roni

Deadline for November issue submissions:  
October 18, 2009

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