

## Roots & Branches

**July 2019** 

I think we all went into Annual Conference a little on edge.
I sure did. What would be the tone? How heated will the

discussions get during the resolutions debate? What will be said about what happened at General Conference back in February? Will we be on lockdown in that Convention Center until midnight because we can't come to any agreement on big issues? Integrating doctrine, interpreting scripture, upholding tradition and figuring out how to live those out in the local church through faithful practices is never an easy task– especially when you get 1,500 people together in the same room. That's 1,500 opinions; 1,500 hearts; 1,500 minds. I suppose one could argue that getting anything done is a miracle in itself!

Conference began with a mass choir of clergy and laity setting the tone of our gathering by singing the words of Psalm 8, "when I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers; the moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet *you have made them a little lower than God.*" I can remember wrestling with this question in an Old Testament class. A question that has caused tears to swell in my eyes; a question that cuts straight to the heart – *What are human beings?* A question that forces us to reconcile who we are with who God is.

Bishop Hope Morgan Ward proceeded to reflect on this text in light of the creation story, drawing attention to the fact that we are often drawn to "the fall" of humanity rather than the possibility of humanity. We know this to be true. It is so much easier for criticism to stick in our heads rather than affirmations and compliments. Bishop Ward proclaimed some good news to us that first morning of Conference, reminding us all that God's intent is for humanity to live to high aspirations. For we have been made a little lower than God. When we believe this about ourselves, we live more fully into who we are as human beings – a little more like God, whose very being is goodness, mercy, love, welcome, and hospitality.

These were words that rested upon my heart. May they rest upon yours, too. There is also an image that remained in the forefront of all our gatherings at Annual Conference. It was a giant cross in the center of the stage that was made out of debris from homes and churches devastated by Hurricane Florence. There was caution tape, rusty pipes, bent nails, dirty cloth, broken metal, electrical wires, rocks, cracked cement, dusty particles and splintered wood – all pieced together upholding the form of a cross. It was and is a beautiful reminder that calls all of us together, gathers all our brokenness, as splintered as we can be sometimes, and restores us into wholeness and beauty. What a glorious promise. What a glorious destiny. Thanks be to God.



### Report by Sandy Quinn, Lay Leader...

## Generosity In All People 2019 Annual Conference, Greenville, NC, June 12-15th, 2019

This year's Annual Conference began with a worship service that gave us a time to worship our Creator and be thankful for the many blessings we receive as God's people. It helped us remember that we are all children of God, brothers and sisters to each other, even though we might not always agree on issues and decisions. A large cross was presented by Rev. Dr. Donna Thompson. The cross was made from the debris of homes and churches devastated by Hurricane Florence, and it sat on the podium as a beacon for us, as a reminder that even from a disaster, something can be made good.

After this session, the Lay members and Clergy members each had a separate session. The year was a "voting year" to select delegates to the 2020 General Conference (which is a world-wide conference of all United Methodists), and also to select delegates to the Jurisdictional Conference (which will select a new bishop for our Conference next year). During our sessions, we met the delegates. Each delegate had a bio in the Annual Conference book. I have that available for anyone who wants to read the bios of the selected delegates.

The Wednesday afternoon session began with voting, and we used electronic voting machines which helped speed the process along. In between the delegate voting, we heard committee reports. Here is a brief summary of some of the reports. Al Miller, Director of Disaster Ministries, challenged everyone to be united in response to disasters. The North Carolina United Methodist Disaster Response Ministry has completed 847 homes needing repairs since Hurricane Matthew in 2016. The Disaster Response training programs aim to prepare and rebuild communities affected by disasters. In the last 3 yrs, 50 churches have held ERT training, certifying 914 people. Teams have come to NC from 35 other states. 18,000 volunteers have volunteered 599,000 hours, equaling an estimated \$14 million worth of labor. Much need still exists---about 13,000 homes are still in need of repairs. Al challenged all to earn a "green shirt" by becoming a Disaster Response Volunteer. At the Wednesday evening program, everyone who attended received a green shirt—so now we are going to have to earn it!

The Mission Endowment report gave us reason to celebrate. \$50,000 was presented to the Youth Storm Fund, which will be matched, providing a total of \$100,000 for hurricane disaster relief.

The Community at Spring Forest received a grant of \$15,000. The Community at Spring Forest, located in the Hillsborough area, is a 23 acre organic farm and forest that will be home for a rural church and the Neighborhood Seminary for laity.

The Cokesbury Publishing House reported on some changes to Adult Bible Studies that are coming soon. The revised studies will have content relevant to adults and youth, so that all classes in a church using these studies can use the same material. This material will be available in print or digital form.

Wednesday night was a celebration of missions. 2019 is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodists in mission, and it is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, the forerunner of UMW. The night was opened by a lively dance performance by the African American Dance Ensemble of Durham, NC. We saw videos and slideshows from mission work in El Salvador, Costa Rica, Africa, Armenia, Moscow, USSR, Alabama, and rural North Carolina, to list just a few. The NCCUMC has mobilized almost 1500 mission teams internationally since Jan, 2000. 5,000+ teams have served in 42 US states in that time. Mission teams assist, rebuild, serve, promote peace, evangelize, train, build new churches, and witness about Jesus to the communities they visit.

Thursday sessions began with more voting and reports. An eye-opening report and video was given by the Commission on the Status and Role of Women (COSROW). It focused on actions and words that hurt female pastors, and advised us to be mindful of such situations—if we see/hear demeaning comments or words, we must speak up. Co-Chair of the committee, Rev. Christi Dye, read from Galatians, the words of Paul who declared "there is no male or female, but all are one in Christ Jesus."

The Conference Budget, Insurance, Pension, and Equitable Compensation and Trustees reports were heard on Thursday afternoon. The Conference budget of \$16,205,448 for the 2021 budget was approved. This is a budget decrease of 23.13% from the 2020 budget, primarily because the pre-1982 pension funding has been met and removed from the budget. (As a reminder—the Conference raises all funds for each budget in the year PRIOR to the budget year so that there is never "over-spending" the budget.) The Conference health plan is a self-insured plan administered by Blue Cross-Blue Shield. The approved plan for 2020 has an increase of 6.4% for churches and participants. Life insurance and wellness programs remain at the same amount, but dental premiums are increased by 6.4%.

The minimum salary for full time pastors will increase 2.5%, for a salary of\$46,627. Student pastors receive 65% of that, for a minimum salary of \$30,308. District superintendent salary is \$112,766, an increase of 1.56%.

The Episcopal residence (where the bishop lives) is to be sold, and a housing allowance will be provided. The proceeds from the sale of the home will be invested and used for the housing allowance (TBD), which will not increase the Conference budget. The reason the home is to be sold is that the value of the home is estimated at \$900,000. The home is 15 years old, and significant updates/repairs are likely to be needed in the near future. Selling the home should reduce the Conference budget since no upkeep/repairs will be needed for a home.

Statistics reports from Conference Statistician George Speake reported on membership, worship attendance, and benevolent spending. --Total Conference membership was 225,987, a loss of 1,184 members.

- --Average worship attendance was 71,276 in the pews, which is a decline, but there was an increase in online worship attendance. 11,992 worshipped online, an increase of 7,200.
- --A total of \$18.6M was given to local and United Methodist benevolence funds, an increase of \$888,000.

Thursday afternoon ended with frisbee throwing as we heard Dail Ballard give the Camping and Retreat Ministries report. A note to remember from Dail—no child will be turned away from a UMC camp. There are funds available from donors to help any child in need. Contact Dail Ballard regarding camp enrollment for a child in need.

Thursday night was an evening to share New Church planting. We learned that everyone is a church planter. Our method of planting is friendship. Sometimes we overexplain, and we are sometimes undertrained. But we are scripturally commissioned by Jesus to share the Good News, and we each do it in various ways. As we worked in groups with a "speed dating" example of having 2 minutes each to tell about our personal life in mission, we enjoyed learning from each other. We each received a small booklet to help us in our church planting/mission work, entitled "Good Friends." I have 2 extra copies if anyone wants one of them.

Friday—the day of breakout sessions and resolutions! We had a wide variety of breakout sessions, but we can go to only one. I attended the UMW session, which was a review of the UMW history, mission effort, where we have been, and where we are going. Fourteen resolutions were presented in advance for our review prior to Annual Conference. Resolutions deal with issues affecting the lives of Conference members and neighbors. They can also reflect on issues involving the United Methodist Church. If we pass a resolution, it communicates to the media, elected officials, and to the greater United Methodist Church, the will of the people of the Conference. Resolutions give us a chance to grow in awareness and consider the theological significance of ideas and concerns. In respect, love, and trust, we listen to each other and consider the will of God about issues addressed in resolutions. Some of these resolutions are easy to agree with, and Pleasant Green is already doing some of them---using fair trade coffee in Fellowship time, becoming more aware of caring for the earth through ecological awareness and energy efficiency in our church and homes, and diversity awareness. Several of the resolutions presented in advance concerned the wording in the Book of Discipline, the Traditional Plan passed at the special General Conference in February of 2019, and the treatment of LGBTQ people in UMC churches and society. Resolution 15 combined several of the resolutions into one resolution, and it was accepted for voting purposes. Resolution 15 was passed with a large majority. This resolution calls for the full inclusion of LGBTQ people into UMC churches, to call for the 2020 General Conference to reject the Traditional Plan, and to call for the repeal of language in the Book of Discipline/Social Principles because it is discriminatory and hurtful to LGBTQ people.

This resolution is related to the controversy the UMC is experiencing in all churches. There are people with strong opinions on both sides of this issue, and it will not be satisfactorily resolved for some time, if ever, to please everyone. I believe (my opinion only) that we need to pray and try to focus on the ways we are alike in faith. We love our Creator God, we want to live a life like Jesus, we want to worship in church, and we seek the will of God, not of mankind.

This is a brief overview of our Annual Conference. All reports, resolutions, videos, and summaries are available to read online at <a href="https://www.nccumc.org">www.nccumc.org</a>. I do encourage you to read the full reports, and you can subscribe to updates from the Corridor District, NCCUMC, and also to the United Methodist News Service. This will enable you to keep current on what is happening in our District, in the Conference, and the world news of the UMC.

What, you might say, do we get from attending Annual Conference? Well---free reusable bags, free books, mugs, cups, candy, stickers, notepads, pens, a tee shirt, and even a free health check up this year! But I also saw old friends, made some new ones, and shared time with fellow Christians doing, so we hope, the work of the church with the spirit of Christ in us. Some of the sessions are boring, sometimes we argue so much it does not seem as though we are Christians. This is the United Methodist Church, and it is how we conduct our business. We are included in the decision-making, clergy and lay people alike, but majority rules. Everyone can have a voice, and a vote. When the vote is not one we agree with, we vow to pray about it and keep trying. God does not pick perfect people to do His work. Think of Moses, Jacob, David, the Israelites—none of them were perfect. We are not, either, but we continue to do God's work for Him, hoping we get it right sometimes.

Thanks for sending me to represent Pleasant Green UMC.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Quinn

### from the Prayer Ministry... Let us pray for our Resource Circle

This article is the third in praying for our church ministries.

Matthew 7:24-25: Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise builder who built a house on bedrock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the wind blew and beat against that house. It didn't fall because it was firmly set on bedrock."

John 11: 25-26: Jesus said to her (Martha), "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though they die. Everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

This month, we focus on the Resource Circle, which holds two Committees, the Parsonage and the Cemetery. Let's look at them separately. George Ann McCay, Chair, leads the Parsonage Committee. Members are Matt Matthews, Ronnie Brown, Evelyn Morris, and Marcia Ferris. The parsonage, the place where our Pastor Laura lives, is overseen by the Parsonage Committee. This dedicated group makes sure repairs are completed in a timely way, checks in with Laura to make sure everything is operating correctly, maintains the paint, roofing, and many other things. This committee has a sacred covenant to maintain the pastor's house, assuring that our pastor has a comfortable, adequate place to live so that she is free to shepherd our discipleship. Did you know that in the New Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible (Strong, 1995), there are over nine pages referring to the word, "house" references on each page too numerous to count! You know that "house" is important, with that many citations. While we typically think of "house" as the Lord's House, the pastor's place of residence is an extension of His House. Along with Jesus, who taught that belief in Him is like building a house on bedrock, our Parsonage Committee takes their charge seriously to keep the house secure and sealed from destructive forces.

The Cemetery Committee led by Jo Anna, also resides within the Resource Circle. Members are TC Adams, Mike Martin, Jane Umstead, Wayne Walker, and Terri Leonard. The quiet, well-manicured, final resting place of our church members and family serves as a reminder that those who believe in Jesus never die. They have eternal life through Him. The green of the grass and surrounding trees, gentle breezes, flowers left in remembrance, and even the tombstones, are symbols of our continued life with Jesus and our Father after death. Through the compassion and regard for the people placed in the cemetery, as well as for their families and friends, the Cemetery Committee helps ease the burdens and grief of those left behind. The Committee also considers pricing, innovations, and use of this part of our land, to make recommendations to the Administrative Council. Each of these actions is sacred, through covenant with God and His church.

**Let us pray...**Heavenly Father, the ultimate provider of resources, bless members of the Resource Circle and their families. We thank you and praise you for giving them the skills and talents to serve you and us in these ministries. Walk closely with each member and family, draw them into your arms, let them feel your presence and rest. Help these members clearly know what you want them to do. Remind them that they have a covenant with you. Open their hearts, minds and souls to be discerning about your plans for them and Pleasant Green. And help them know that you and we love them. In the name of the Resource you have given to us, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

Join the Prayer Ministry Team as we pray for our church, our nation, the world, and, for all of the people you have entrusted to us who need prayer. Our July Prayer Ministry meeting is on Wednesday, July 17 at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome! No formal prayer experience is necessary!



### El Salvador Mission Trip July 20 - 27

Please be in prayer for the 13 PGUMC members of the El Salvador 2019 Mission Team as well as Raeford UMC 's pastor Brian Wingo and 3 of their congregation.

PGUMC's team includes: Wendy & Bailey Anderson, George Ann McCay, Jim Perry, Mark Stocking, Jed Hampton, Debbie Covington, James Hamm, Glisceria Vindas, Yariela Valverde-Vindas, Isayara Valverde-Vindas, Charles Fitzpatrick & Josiah Ramirez.

## As part of the Safe Sanctuaries Policy,

we are asking all volunteers and employees who work with children to provide information



for a background check. If you have not done this, please contact the church office.

### Dear PGUMC Family,

It is difficult to put into words how grateful our family is for the outpouring of love and support after the passing of Martha. You held us close in prayer during her failing health, and your prayers lifted us up when she passed away. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving, caring and supportive church family. Your love has sustained us during this difficult time. *T.C., Susan and family* 

### PGUMC,

I wanted to say thank you for the many who have been praying for me. I was thinking about God's plan, and how he uses all of life to fulfill his purpose. I have no doubt that there is a reason my medical issues exist, I just don't know the how or why. Someday maybe! I know and I believe in prayer! What I can tell you what is the result of yours and others prayers for me have done. When I had my hand surgery in November, they told me I should expect 5 more surgeries this year. 6 months later, there is no plan for any more surgery. The drs. think that the bacteria that had taken over my hand is now under control, not gone yet, but controlled. Thank you Jesus, and to all who prayed, and I ask you to keep on sending up prayers for healing. We think of you often, *Ed and Cheryl Punt* 

### Pleasant Green Family,

I want to thank the church for the use of the church bus and to Van McCay along with James Hamm, for driving our group from "Visions Insights" Support Group to the NC Lions Camp Dogwood in Sherrill's Ford. A great time was had by all! After paying for gas, there was enough money left to sponsor a child at PGUMC Summer Camp for a week! *Jim Turner* 

### **PGUMC** is hiring!

Director of Youth and Family Ministries Job Posting:

Pleasant Green Church is seeking a Director of Youth and Family Ministries. This position will be part-time, salaried, and year-round. The Director of Youth and Family Ministries will primarily focus on implementing a consistent ministry of Christian discipleship and spiritual formation by planning, developing, coordinating and overseeing ministries for middle school and high school aged youth and their families, specifically through teaching, worship, discipleship through Bible study and formation, mission and outreach, and other various special events. Qualified applicants should have a deep and personal

Qualified applicants should have a deep and personal faith in Jesus Christ, a bachelor's degree, previous ministry experience with youth and families, strong relational, team-building, organizational, leadership, and communication skills, and cross-cultural sensitivity.

### Church Administrative Assistant Job Posting:

Pleasant Green Church is seeking a Church Administrative Assistant. This position will be part-time, salaried, and year-round. The Administrative Assistant report directly to the Senior Pastor and will primarily focus on assisting the church in carrying out its mission by planning and implementing effective organizational processes to achieve its goals.

Qualified applicants should have the following skill sets: computer literacy; organizational skills; strong interpersonal relations including oral, written and electronic communications skills; the ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality; and knowledge or experience with general administrative office procedures.

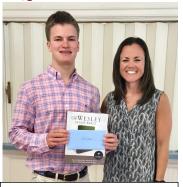
To apply for either position, please send a cover letter and resume to Pastor Laura at <a href="https://linear.com/lthompson@nccumc.org">lthompson@nccumc.org</a>. Application deadline is July 26, 2019. For more information and a complete job description, contact Pastor Laura.

### What does it means to Care for the Earth?

Faith and retirement communities in Orange County are coming together to share ideas, resources, and actions for protecting and preserving God's living Earth. An initial meeting in May attracted more than 50 people from twenty faith communities and two large retirement communities. A follow-up meeting will be held at Binkley Baptist Church near University Mall in Chapel Hill on Monday, July 15 ~ 7-8:30 pm.

To learn more about this initiative or to indicate your intention to attend the meeting, contact Janice Nicholson, <u>jgn1614@earthlink.net</u> or a member of the Steering Committee, Charles Coble, <u>ccoble@gmail.com</u>.

### Congratulations to PG's 2019 Graduates!



Rick Cassidy graduated from Orange High, he will be attending Clemson U.



Ryan Montgomery graduated from Orange High, he will be attending U of SC.



**Davis Whitfield** graduated from Orange High, he will be attending ECU.



Isayara Valverde-Vindas graduated from Orange High, she will be attending NC State.



Will Witt graduated from Orange High, he will be attending UNC at Chapel Hill.



Ashley Riley's grandmother, Becky Brogden accepted her gifts. Ashley graduated from Orange High and will be attending ECU.



Megan Stocking graduated from NC State, she will be attending ECU Graduate School.

### pleasant green youth group

## Summer Calendar! July 14 - 15 ~ Youth Retreat



### Youth Mission Trip ~ June 16-21

Millie Nichols, Charlotte Whitfield, Chloe Whitfield, Cassie Lipton, Sara Witt, Victoria Harris, Jack Frank, Sydney Baker & Micaela DeGernaro Chaperones: Andrea Harris & Michael Larbi More info next month!

### Young Adult Pot-Luck at Gold Park



It was good food, fellowship & a great place to ride a tractor & fly planes!



### **Summer Browning Scholarships**

In memory of Summer Browning, a scholarship fund was established in 1993 by her parents, family and friends.



The Summer Browning Scholarship
Committee will soon be meeting to review
scholarship guidelines and to announce
dates for applications to be received and
reviewed. For those interested in applying,
stay tuned for application deadlines to be
announced in the fall.

### From new Corridor District Superintendent...

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

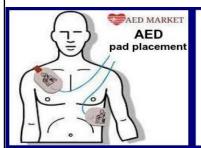
I am excited about the opportunity to be in ministry with the pastors and churches of the Corridor District. I thank you for the way you are serving our Savior by serving in leadership positions in the local church. Through your work, the work of your local church and the power of the Holy Spirit, God's grace, mercy and justice are being shared in significant ways. In my discussions with Carol and Jessie, I have been amazed at the good work that is being done throughout the Corridor District.

Along with me taking on the role of the District Superintendent, we also will have a new Assistant to the DS. I am pleased to announce that **Sarah Carter** will take the reins of this important position. Sarah has worked in the counseling profession for over 25 years. Most recently she worked as a middle school counselor at Southern Alamance Middle School. Sarah is a member of Front St. UMC in Burlington. She will begin her new role along with me on moving day, June 25.

Both Sarah and I are looking forward to learning about the district and the way individual churches are involved in ministry. Thus, we are planning gatherings for local church leaders to discuss the situations and settings of their churches. The Corridor District is large, and we want to learn about the different contexts in which ministry is taking place, so we have arranged for evening gatherings, at 7 P.M. on the dates and in the locations listed below, for the laity to gather with us for conversation. The focus will be on the defining the contexts of ministry in which churches find themselves. The side benefit is that we will have the opportunity to become acquainted with each other. I hope that you or someone from your church will be able to be present with us. This invitation has been given to local church lay leaders, S/PPRC chairpersons and Church Council chairpersons, but we hope that at least 2-3 folks from each local church will come to these gatherings when we're in your area.

You are invited to meet with incoming DS, Mike Frese on July 25 at Bethany UMC at 7pm.

### Proper AED pad placement for adults & children under 8 years old.





# TO ALL STORES

### Vacation Bible School

July 8 — 12 9:00 am — 12:30 pm

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### Register at: http://bit.ly/PGVBS19

Volunteers are needed for VBS Questions? Call Wendy at 919-630-1939

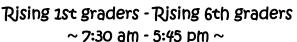
Help is needed to decorate on Sunday, July 7th!

Please save paper towel & toilet paper rolls.



### <u>PGUMC SUMMER CAMP</u>

June 24 - July 26 (Closed July 4th week)



Registration forms are in the Narthex or on the church website.

### Pleasant Green Summer Camp 2019

Scholarship donations are still needed for Summer Camp!



Thank you to those who have given scholarships for children who would be unable to participate were it not for your generous support!

Honor your parents, grandparents, loving care givers by making a donation to support a Summer Camper with a contribution in any amount. Helping to provide the means to support Summer Camp is an affirmation of the high standard of care we all want for all children.



## Sip & Paint Class raised \$ 100 for the UMM!



### Mark your July Calendar!

# The United Methodist Women's "Christmas in July" Mission Project

Take an ornament from the Christmas Tree in the Narthex & purchase the "Back to School" items for needy children. The school supplies are donated to

tems for needy chuaren. The school suppues are donated to Orange County Elementary, Middle & High Schools.

Eleanor Walker Circle - July 8 6:30 pm - meet at church to go to Fire Fly Farm





Prayer Team Meeting 6:30pm Wednesday, July 17th

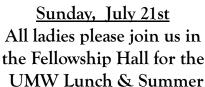
### Circle of Faith ~ July 18 6:30 pm at Melo's



Thank you to all who helped make the Common Thread pie sale fundraiser a success! \$870 was raised through pie sales and monetary donations! The Common Thread Ministry makes beautiful pillowcases using a butterfly design fabric. The pillowcases are distributed to people in hospice care. Small teddy bears are also made using this fabric and are distributed to sick children at Duke Hospital thru the Chaplains program. As a result of this fundraiser the purchase of enough fabric to make 204 pillowcases and unknown numbers of teddy bears has been made possible!

## Common Thread A Ministry to Comfort the Dying

"Common Thread" provides happy, colorful butterfly pillowcases to those dying in hospice, nursing homes and in their own homes. All are welcome to join us **Saturday, July 20** at 9:30am.





UMW Lunch & Summer Social following Worship!



Come enjoy the music of our **PRAISE BAND** the last Sunday of each month!

## You're Invited to the People's Supper!

### What is it?

The People's Supper event started in January 2017 as a way to invite people from various walks of life to sit down and enjoy a good meal and honest



conversation. As part of their internship, Keli and Michael are inviting the congregation to participate in this event by bringing a dish to pass and then joining in an intentional conversation, centered around sharing stories from our own lives. This event aims to not only provide good food and conversation, but contribute to further developing a sense of community, understanding, and trust here at Pleasant Green.

When and Where: Tuesday, July 30 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall

How to Sign Up: Email Keli at <u>kcp23@duke.edu</u> with how many people will be attending as well as what dish you plan to bring.

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### Our Rose Garden

We are blessed with a beautiful Rose Garden, a great resource to bring beauty and a remembrance of Pleasant Green to the sick, shut-ins or for yourself!

Feel free to cut roses but please remember the following: Take a container of water to the garden and cut roses at a 45 degree angle just above a leaf on the stem that has five leaflets. It is important to cut roses correctly, as new growth forms at the place of cutting.

Help is always welcome to keep our roses looking beautiful, please contact the church office if you would like to help.

(New timbers are needed - Please call the church office if you can help!)

### **HELP NEEDED!**

If you have a few extra minutes, there are many areas around our beautiful church that need weeding!

Start anytime / anywhere!





If you would like a DVD of a Sunday Worship Service, you may pick one up on the table in the Parlor.



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Please recycle this newsletter.



The Upper Room Daily Devotional Guide is provided free of charge to the Pleasant Green congregation by the United Methodist Women. You may pick up a copy in the Narthex.

### On Hillsborough's LAST FRIDAYS - come by and see us at the Orange County United Methodist Churches booth!



### **Red Cross Blood Drive** Sunday, July 14 9 am -1 pm

To save a life or 2 please sign up in the Narthex, or call the church office or online: redcrossblood.org \*sponsor code - pleasant green

The need for blood is constant. Your commitment to help save lives is truly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of patients in need.



Join us at **PGUMC** Summer Worship

We have ONE service only at 10:30 am through September 1.

9:15 - Gathering and Breakfast 9:30 - Sunday School Join a church-wide study of the "Art of Neighboring"

10:30 - Worship in the Sanctuary



### RONALD McDONALD FAMILY ROOM & PEDIATRIC UNIT AT DUKE HOSPITAL

Help family members & their children while at the hospital!

**FAMILY NEEDS: CHILDREN NEEDS:** Travel toiletries New / Gently used clothing Shower caps Sizes (Preemie – 18 yrs.) Men deodorant, T-shirts, Comfy pants shaving cream Socks, Underwear Women feminine products Any Boy outfits/Girl dresses

Individual snacks



Save the Date! 5:00pm ~ Sunday, August 18th

St. Mary's Chapel 67th Homecoming Location: the corner of Schley & St. Mary's Rds



Orange Community Players present "Mary Poppins" July 25th - 28th Featuring PGUMC's own Terri, Joel & Davis Leonard as well as Director, Wayne Leonard.

> Visit: www.ocpnc.com for more information.