



The Prospector

Prospect United Methodist Church

Ebony, Virginia

November 2011

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Reflections From our Pastor:

The leaves are turning, temperatures falling, days getting shorter, and the Prospector is due! I want you to think about what an awesome year we have had in the church. We have witnessed miracles through prayer, grown in size and enthusiasm, gotten very close to start shoveling dirt for our new Education Wing and Fellowship Hall, and experienced the Power of the Holy Spirit!

As we come into this time of year we are drawn to remembrance. Remembrance of the things we are Thankful for. This Sunday is All Saints Sunday. We are to remember those who have paved the way to where we are and where we are going through the blood, sweat, and tears of their own toil. Revelation 7:9-17 speaks of this great cloud of witnesses that are all dressed in white and standing with palm branches in their hands waving them before Jesus, I am assured that some of them were the very same people who struggled with and overcame difficulties to bring you and I to this day. Those "Saints" were not perfect, just forgiven! May we be ever mindful of those who taught us and those who fought for our freedoms, to allow us to grow up in the greatest country in the world during this time and every day until Jesus comes back for us and we take our rightful place with our palm branches waving at the throne of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

My prayer for you this season is for peace and understanding. May you draw closer to Jesus this season and allow him to draw closer to you.

Love,

Ken Thrasher

Thanks for a GREAT Fall Festival

RAIN, RAIN, go away – and it did for the most part, paving the way for yet another successful Fall Festival at Prospect Church – our 20th annual event.

With the help and dedication of everyone even the threat of rain did not drive away the dedicated bargain hunters and loyal shoppers who attend each year. Breakfast led the festivities for the auction where items ranged from bags of golf clubs to beautiful new furniture to cases of oil and manual typewriters. The auction ran smoothly and quickly thanks to the talented auctioneers from Daniels Auction House. Bubbles flew, faces were painted, raffle tickets were purchased for the beautiful quilt and Mystery Chests and Ruby's Treasurers confirmed the saying, "one man's junk is another man's treasure!" Baked goods, jellies, bird houses, hamburgers, hot dogs, whoopie pies, handmade crafts, books galore and seedling plants were hot items and the companionship and work ethic of all involved provided a day we can all be thankful for. It was a day dedicated to the Glory of God – and He approved. The Fall Festival Committee wants to thank EVERYONE involved – it wouldn't have been a success without each of you.

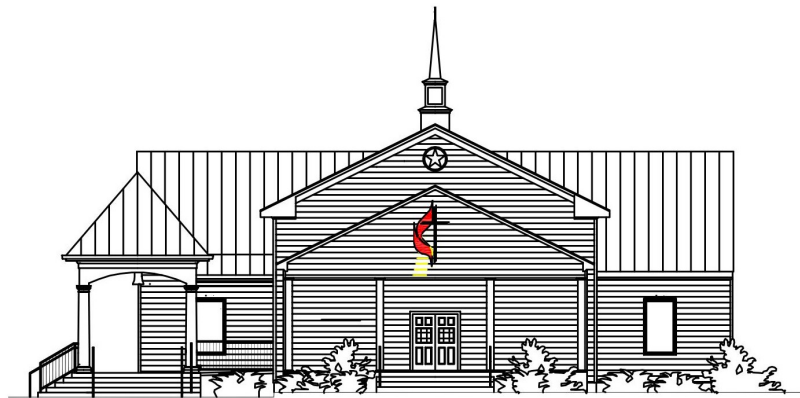
Bev Hill and Charles Jones, Co-Chairpersons

Prospect United Methodist Church Committee on Lay Leadership Officers for 2012

Lay Leader	Peggy Donochod
Administrative Board Chair	Jan Tomlinson
Administrative Board Recording Secretary	Annette Jones
Director of Music	Glenda Gibbs
Assistant Director of Music	Mary Ann Johnson
Youth Coordinator	Denise Painter
Adult and Family Ministries	Annette and Charles Jones
Church Historian	Annette Jones
United Methodist Men Chair	Charles Jones
United Methodist Women Chair	Annette Jones
Disaster Relief Coordinator	Al Hartley
Annual Conference Delegate	Jan Thrasher
Alternate Annual Conference Delegate	Pam Pickard
District Conference Delegate	Edith Snead
Alternate District Conference Delegate	Jan Thrasher
Staff Parish Relations	
Chair: Terry Broome	
John Cox, Susan Cunningham, Patricia Conner, Al Hartley, Terry Broome, Ellie Maynard Parrish, Ronnie Wright	
Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominating)	
Lay Leader Peggy Donochod	
Joyce Trask, Nadine Evans, Nila Miller, Glenda Gibbs, Linwood Mills, Nancy Cox	
Missions Committee	
Chair: Pam Pickard	
Jan Tomlinson, Ethel Jones, Peggy Donochod, Tony Barnette, Jean Barnette, Dan Donochod,	
Larry Miller, Nila Miller, Hal Paxton, Dorinda Paxton, Sharon Nold, Jim Nold	
Evangelism	
Chair: Barbara Gilmartin	
Jan Thrasher, Hattie Baird, Judy Moore, Dorinda Paxton, Pam Pickard	
Memorial Committee	
Terry Broome	
Trustees	
Chair: Robert Wilson	
(2012) Dan Donochod	James Lynch
(2013) Bev Hill,	Corey Lett William Hoofnagle Charles Jones
(2014) Herbert Moore	William Knox Robert Wilson
Secretary Patricia Conner	
Tellers	
Chair Christine Ferguson (2013)	
Bev Hill, Linda Biggs, Barbara Knox, Denise Painter, Edith Snead, Terry Broome, Jan Thrasher, Judy Moore	
Kitchen Committee	Annette Jones
Communications	Anne Hartley
Christian Education	Denise Painter
United Methodist Family Services	Dot Ford
Higher Education	Clara Mills
Farmville District Delegate at Large	Pam Pickard
Finance Committee	
Chair Edith Snead	
Treasurer Don Broome	
Financial Secretary Mary Lynch	
Head Teller Christine Ferguson (2013)	
Administrative Board Chair Jan Tomlinson	
Lay Leader Peggy Donochod	
Representative of Trustees: Robert Wilson	
Annual Conference Delegate Jan Thrasher	
Pastor Ken Thrasher	

WOW! Look at our building plans!

PRESERVING OUR PAST
WHILE BUILDING OUR FUTURE



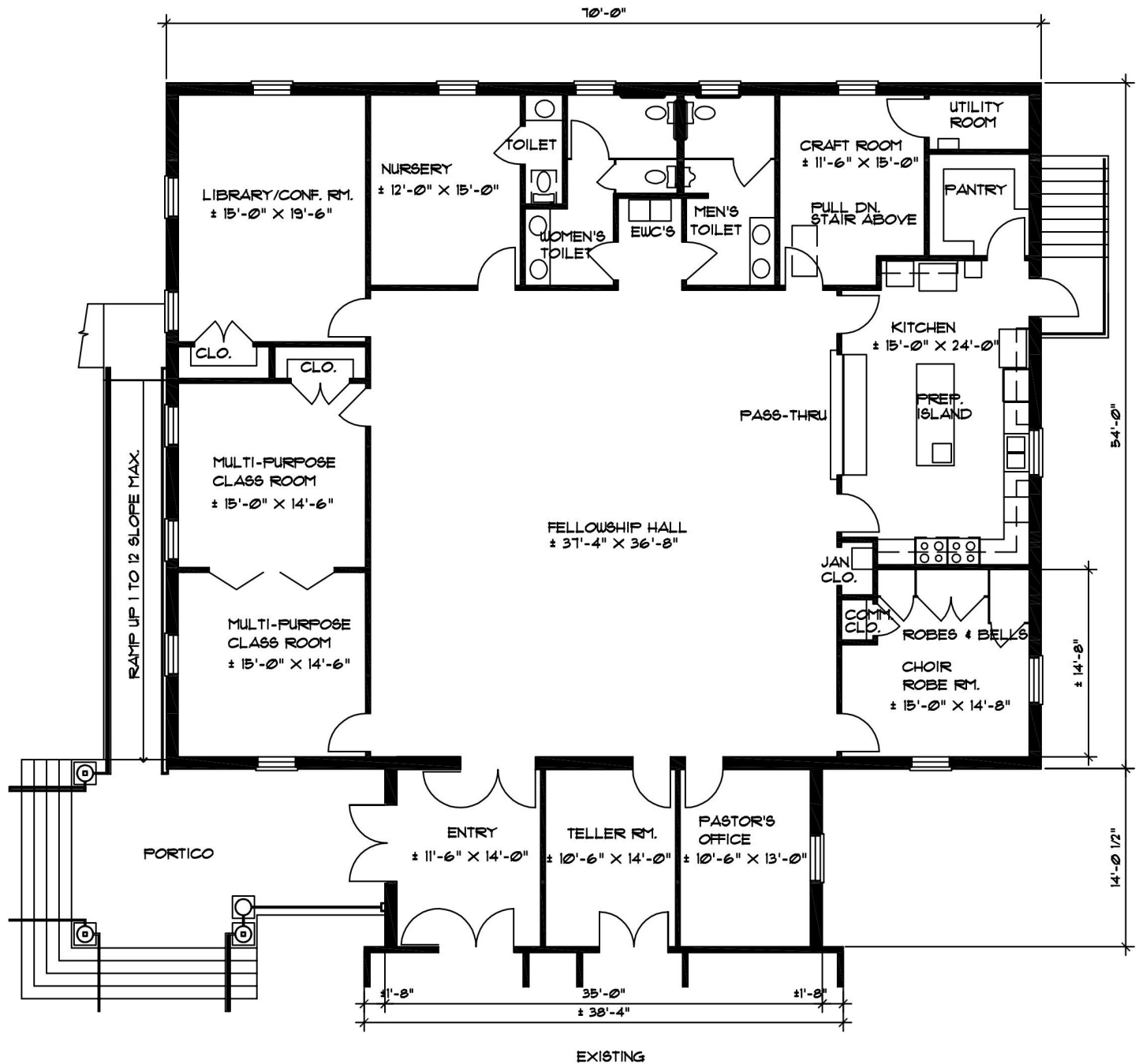
FRONT ELEVATION



SIDE ELEVATION

SEE DAN DONOCHOD OR AL HARTLEY
WITH ANY QUESTIONS

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NEW ADDITION FLOOR PLAN

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**"All things are possible to him who believes ."
(Mark 9:23)**

Year 2 of our 3-year campaign was kicked off at Easter with a special "I BELIEVE" drive. If we believe in the future of God's work at Prospect, then we must believe in this campaign, our leadership, and our ability to succeed as a Church family — and know that we are all in this together as His children taking care of His house as He expects us to do. **God is counting on us to see this through.**

For all of us, this absolutely means taking a leap of faith and sacrificial giving. It also means reaching out to others in our personal and professional networks — and getting outside our comfort zone. For those who are already believers and fully committed, we THANK YOU for your leadership and confidence in this campaign and setting our stage for success.

We are so excited to announce that as of the end of September (excluding Fall Festival proceeds) we have \$370,185.23 in cash and pledges! This represents 53% financial commitment of our 3-year campaign goal and 50% of our timeline! That is great progress. However in order to receive final approval to begin construction, we need to have the full amount required for construction secured — either by donations, pledges, or a loan. Once again, we ask those who have not yet made their *total* financial commitment (payment or pledge) known to do so without further delay so that it is factored in. Designated memorials are still available.

We are so grateful for the support and dedication to this important mission by so many in the Church and extended community... Fall Festival, Pig Pickin', Weber Grill from the Crons, Hal's Stained Glass Window, Williamsburg Weekend from Rev. Ken and Jan, Alene Carroll's Book of Poetry ... along with the banks, watercolor print, credit card, and Food Lion donation card. *Please*

read more about these elsewhere in this newsletter.

All of these fundraising endeavors involve many hours of effort by our members and friends and we thank each of you for your loyal support. **TOGETHER, WE WILL SUCCEED WITH THIS IMPORTANT MISSION. WE BELIEVE!**

Peggy Donochod & Anne Hartley

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MEMORIAL GIFTS

We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the families of Bernard Nash, Bobby Ford and Gordon Denzin for including Prospect's future as a designated memorial. There is no better way to pay tribute to loved ones who have passed on and to this very special church.

Peggy Donochod

CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISERS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH GO HAND-IN-HAND

Our 20th Fall Festival was another fine example of our Church working together for a common goal and touching the community. The proceeds to the building fund will be distributed toward the end of the year.

A wonderful new WEBER gas grill was "given away" thanks to Rich & Susan Cron who donated the grill to us. Ray Tillar and his wife from LaCrosse were so excited to receive the call on the day of the Fall Festival, and we added an additional \$431 to our building account!

Many thanks to Susan & Lee Cunningham and Bev & Chip Hill for once again putting on a fantastic "Pig Pickin'" for a second year. In addition to the delicious pulled pork and all the "fixins" there was toe-tappin' bluegrass/gospel music enjoyed by all thanks to the talent of the "Hometown Boys". In addition Tim Carpenter, Alene Carroll's son, entertained us as he played

his bagpipe for us. This wonderful event brought us \$505 closer to our goal! *Thanks to everyone who participated and helped make this such a success!*

On October 30th we made Donna Vann from Henrico very happy when we announced her as the winner of the “Colonial Williamsburg Weekend Getaway”! This weekend opportunity was offered thanks to the generosity of our own Rev Ken and Jan. Thanks to your efforts, this “giveaway” added \$600!

MEMBERS’ THINKING ‘OUTSIDE THE BOX’

We are truly blessed in so many ways including the gift of special talents by two of our members who are willing to “think outside the box” for our Church. Many thanks to Hal Keeney who has created an absolutely beautiful framed 16” x 24” stained glass window picturing two lovely cardinals on a dogwood branch. Tickets for this beautiful piece of art are only \$1.00 and the winner will be announced at a later date. Please see Hal for your tickets and for tickets to sell as we reach out to our community.

Another exciting idea has come alive as Tim Carpenter and his wife have published a charming booklet of his Mom’s “Poetry”. You may remember Alene Carroll’s “The Little White Church in Ebony” presented at our 2010 Homecoming. This special collection of her beautiful poetry and it can be purchased for only \$5.00! It’s a perfect little Christmas gift for family and friends.

Please show your support for both Alene and Hal as they help to grow our Church Building Fund!

Easy and Effective Ways To Support Our Campaign Anytime

We still have a few of these wonderful banks were made by Bob Wilson and several men of the Church, from the original wood from Church rafters that were recently replaced, dating back to 1887! The banks are numbered and come with a wonderful informational insert of the history of our Church.



We asked for a donation of “at least” \$10. If you do not have a bank but would like to purchase one, please contact Bev Hill or Peggy Donochod.

You can contribute painlessly to our Capital Campaign by applying for and using our Church’s “Capital One Credit

Card”. When you receive your credit card, the Church will receive \$50 the very first time you use it, and then the Church will continue to receive a % of your all your purchases after that. Used wisely, this is a wonderful way to help! You can apply online from Prospect’s website or pick us an application in the Fellowship Hall at Church.



Purchase, for \$20, a limited edition Capital Campaign matted print created and donated to our campaign efforts by William Ward Moseley. **Having this print visible in your home will be a visible sign for all who see it that you are actively supporting the Campaign and Prospect’s future. It also makes a great gift to**



William Ward Moseley fundraiser print created to support our Capital Campaign for Prospect's future.

get others excited and onboard! Please see Peggy Donochod to purchase a print.

FOOD LION COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR PROSPECT

We are now enrolled in the Food Lion Rewards Program. Now YOU can help us earn addition funds by enrolling today and it's really easy! Just follow these simple steps.....

- Go to foodlion.com
- Click on Community Outreach
- Click on MVP Rewards
- Click on MVP registration
- enter your MVP card number
- Enter our organization code **251744**
- Enter Prospect Church and click search
- Complete enrollment

Now each time you shop and purchase Food Lion Private Brand, Healthy Accents, Home 360, Nature's Place, On the Go Bistro, Smart Options or Taste of Inspirations products our Church will earn cash. THANKS, THIS IS REALLY PAINLESS GIVING AND WE CAN ALL PARTICIPATE. SIGN UP TODAY!!!!

Peggy Donochod – Fundraising Chair

“Dining to Meet You”

The meal responsibilities are shared and the fellowship is even better! It will be kept interesting, as the individuals dining together will vary with each session. If you would like to join us for this next session, or if you would just like more information, please contact Peggy Donochod (434) 636-2494 or pdono@buggs.net and she will be glad to include you.

Getting to Know Our Church Family

Gerry & Don Cluett - Both of us grew up in Lyndhurst, New Jersey. We knew each other in school but did not start dating until 1958. In 1960, after Don graduated from college, we moved to North Palm Beach, Florida.

In 1996 we retired and moved to Bracey, VA to be closer to our first grandchild.

We have been married for 51 years. Our family consists of 3 daughters and 1 son plus 8 grandchildren who range in age from 21 years to 4 years old.

After 34 years with the company, Don retired from Pratt & Whitney Aircraft. Gerry is a retired Registered Nurse. Her last job was a Jupiter Hospital in Jupiter, Florida.

We love to travel and get to do that a lot since our children live in IL., TN, AL. and NC. We have been able to visit all 50 states and several countries.

Gerry & Don Cluett

Jean C. and George Henry Bell - Jean was born in Richmond (years ago) and George Henry was born in Highland Springs, Va. We met at the Cavalier Skating Rink in Richmond in December, 1950. George Henry served 2 years in the U.S.Navy. We were married on February 18, 1956, at McGuire Park Methodist Church. We were blessed with daughter, Deborah, on December 28, 1958. Then a son, Douglas, arrived on Labor Day, September 5, 1960. Both children are happily married and have blessed us with 3 grandsons, Christopher, Olson, 22 years old, Shawn Bell, 19 years old, and Cody Bell, 14 years old. We arrived at Lake Gaston in September, 1989, and have loved every minute that we have been here. We look forward to many more happy years at the lake. Our lives have truly been blessed. I love quilting and am a member of the Lake Gaston Piecemakers Quilt Guild. I make the quilt tops and George Henry quilts them for me. I have given our quilts to family, friends and Hospice at South Hill Hospital. George Henry enjoys fishing and piddling around the house and in the garage. All of you take care and give each other a hug.

Jean C. & George Henry Bell

Nila and Larry Miller - On November 1 of 1997, a blind date was planned for Larry Miller and (myself) Nila Kite. Larry had become a widower in 1995, and I had been a widow for some time. Larry was born in Woodbine, Pa (at home) and I was born in Muncie, Indiana (in the hospital.) Yes I'm a Hoosier! ...Back to the first date. His sister-in-law, Lois had asked if I'd like to go to dinner with him. It was set up!!

The doorbell rang and just before I answered, I was debating on whether or not to wear a shrunken-head rubber Halloween mask. I decided maybe I shouldn't. When I opened the door, I thought Larry looked so sophisticated and reserved, I was glad I hadn't worn the mask. The whole evening was crazy, however, we laughed about everything. For example, his earpiece on his glasses fell off and he was holding it together, on his head when the waitress said is everything o.k.?

On May 12, 2000, we were married. Our 14 grandchildren were in the wedding. The minister, Rev David Cooney said it was like forming or joining 2 corporations together. Larry needed a grandmother for his grandkids, and I needed a grandfather for mine. We now have a total of 18. We moved to Lake Gaston in 2004 when Larry retired from Maryland State Police. I had retired from Verizon in 2002. Larry says now everyone will know who is the oldest. Not me! We will celebrate our 12th anniversary on May 12, (my parent's anniversary.) We enjoy our friends at Prospect and find the South pretty relaxing.

Nila and Larry Miller

United Methodist Women

The UMM met on the fourth Monday in September. Our guest speaker was Sue Mayo, President of the Farmville District UMW. She presented information about the Farmville District and welcomed Prospect into the new district.

Three members attended District Day at VUMAC on October 1. We met new people and also talked with our friends from the old Petersburg District.

The new officers for 2012 are President: Annette Jones, Vice President: Jan Tomlinson, Secretary: Glenda Gibbs and alternate, Hackie Lynch, Treasurer: Dede Snead, Program Recourses: Marilyn Reed. Committee chairpersons will be appointed later.

The UMW will have their annual cookie sale the first Sunday of December. Place your order early. A nice holiday can of eighteen or more cookies for \$6.00 to help our mission projects will be on sale.

All ladies of the church are invited to come join us. Our meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month except December at 7:30 p.m. at the church.
Annette Jones, President

Finance

The monthly amount needed to meet our budget in 2011 is 8,292.

Following are the amounts received for the budget through Sep 30, 2011.

	Received	Difference
Jan	8,840.10	+ 548.10
Feb	8,577.60	+ 285.60
Mar	7,567.75	- 724.25
Apr	9,467.10	+1,175.10
May	7,848.73	- 443.27
Jun	8,728.15	+ 436.15
Jul	9,522.00	+1,230.00
Aug	5,930.60	-2,361.40
Sep	<u>8,626.25</u>	<u>+ 334.25</u>
Total	75,108.28	+ 480.28

Church activities

November 8 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

November 9 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
Bible Study home of Charlie French 7:00

November 15 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

November 16 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
Bible Study home of Charlie French 7:00

November 17 UMM 6:30 p.m.
 November 21 Administrative Council 7:30 p.m.
 November 22 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 November 23 Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm
 November 24 Thanksgiving Day
 November 25 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m.
 November 27 First Sunday of Advent
 NO Fellowship Supper
 November 28 UMW 7:30 p.m.
 November 29 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 November 30 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
 Bible Study home of Charlie
 French 7:00
 December 2 UMW ladies pack cookies 1:00
 December 4 UMW cookie Sale after worship
 December 6 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 December 7 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
 Bible Study home of Charlie
 French 7:00
 December 11 Christmas Program and Covered
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 Dish Lunch 10:00 a.m.
 December 13 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 December 14 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
 Bible Study home of Charlie
 French 7:00
 December 15 NO UMM
 December 16 Evangelism Committee Meeting
 10:00 a.m.
 December 20 Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
 December 21 Disciple Bible Study 3:00 p.m.
 Bible Study home of Charlie
 French 7:00
 December 24 Christmas Eve Service 8:00 p.m.
 December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
 9:15 A.M.
 December 26 NO UMW

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October Birthdays

October 1 Al Hartley
 October 5 CiCi Carroll
 October 7 Casin Whitehead
 October 9 Jeremy Thrasher
 Dot Ford

Anne Hartley
 Nick Hartley
 October 10 Isabella Broome
 October 11 Ann Hoofnagle
 October 12 Bobby Conner
 Tony Conner
 Barbara Burgdoerfer
 October 13 Tony Barnette
 October 21 Annie Parrish
 Bryson Parrish
 October 29 Hal Keeney
October Anniversaries
 October 1 Rudy and Patricia Conner
 October 2 James and Patricia Lynch
 October 5 Hal and Dorinda Paxton
 October 15 George and Barbara Grant
 October 21 Charles and Annette Jones

November Birthdays

November 1 Amaya Thrasher
 November 5 Richard Beville
 November 13 Robert Pickens
 November 14 Calvin Lynch
 November 20 Jerry Burgdoerfer
 November 23 Don Broome
 November 25 Robert Wilson
 November 26 Dell Conner

December Birthdays

December 2 Charles Jones
 December 11 Christine Ferguson
 Ashton Carroll
 December 15 Mary Lynch
 December 16 Gina Pickens
 December 18 Mary Ann Johnson
 Wanda Beville

December 21 Hattie Baird
 December 22 Annette Jones
 December 23 A. J. Conner
 December 25 JESUS
 December 28 Rudy Conner

December Anniversaries

December 5 Lee and Susan Cunningham
 December 19 Calvin and Hackie Lynch

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