

Newsletter

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Sunday
Worship Services
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 23, 2010

5:00-8:00 pm

Saint Paul Lutheran Church

429 Sandy Springs Road

Maryville, 865-982-4285

German Food, Music &
Fun for All!

Service Dog for
Gabriel fund raiser!

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PASTOR AND CHURCH COUNCIL

Pastoral Ponderings: *“I’m going on a journey. . . Destination unknown!”*

Mary Harris Jones, once said, “Reformation, like education, is a journey, not a destination.” During this month of October, we, Christians, who live out our faith lives as Lutherans remember the Reformation, but do so knowing that it is still occurring within our church and lives. At least, it should be constantly occurring in our lives of faith. If we view the Reformation and what it means to be reforming people of faith, as a journey, not destinations, then we have to be honest with ourselves that along that journey, discomfort and challenges will accompany joy.

To be certain within the life of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and our own congregation here at St. Paul, there have been many transitions, challenges, changes, and at times moments of great discomfort. However, I have also witnessed and been part of many opportunities of joy, celebration, and hope for what the future holds.

This journey that we travel, as reformation people, is one that begins in the waters of our baptism, when we are immersed into a lifelong walk with God and God’s people—the church. Over this past year, I have heard many say and ask, “Is the ELCA going to die?” or “What does it mean to be a member of this church body, now?” These two questions couched in the light of the 2009 ELCA Churchwide assembly’s decision to offer full inclusion to the roster of the church publicly accountable, life-long, monogamous, same-gendered persons to serve their call as ordained and rostered church persons. Those same questions asked at times about our own congregation.

First, what does it mean to be a member of this church body now? I think it means what it has always meant as a church of reformation-minded people; we are a church who cares deeply for the needs of our neighbor’s and serving as the visible gospel to the world. As Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson put it, “The ELCA has and will continue reaching out to others for the sake of the gospel and serving our neighbor. Standing together, we are known as a church that rolls up its sleeves and solves problems, the church that is catalyst, convener and bridge builder. Our strong ecumenical relationships and global partnerships testify to that commitment. “

Here at St. Paul, we do this well in the community of Blount County through our strong commitments to Family Promise, Habitat for Humanity, Good Neighbor’s, Community Food Connection, and other avenues for service and hospitality to the stranger. Which leads me to answer the other question of is the ELCA going to die or will St. Paul? The answer to both is no! We can continue holding divergent views on sexuality, as we do other issues and still remain faithful witnesses of the gospel. Dialogue, conversation, prayer, trust, and mutual respect will aide us well in our continued walk on the journey of reformation.

Yes people leave churches. Yes people become angry over finances, church politics, social statements, and even pastors. But being angry, being mad, gossiping, and such does not keep our minds and hearts focused on Jesus, the pioneer of this great journey of faith. Bishop Hanson reminds us that we have a “shared commitment to be engaged together in discernment. This discernment is hard work. It must be grounded in the witness of the Scriptures and the Confessions, and it needs the voices of all the baptized. It calls for the Holy Spirit’s guidance and our prayerful, disciplined and respectful listening to one another.”

The reformation journey of life as a baptized child of God, leads us into lives filled with great joy and great hope. Even in the moments of life, when all seems lost, we are found, by God’s prodigal, lavish love for each of us. This lavish love pours over us, in us, and through us, so that we can be visible, tangible signs of God’s great reformation journey to the entire world.

To live this love out completely and to truly believe that the Reformation did not just happen and we are not a reformed people, we must live knowing that we are a reforming people and reformation is

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still happening. This can be done by how we live and how we work. This can be done by how we pray and how we act. This can be done by how we treat our neighbor's and love our enemies. This can be done in how we have dialogue and conversations with people who have differing views from our own.

Other church bodies will form, yes! Changes and challenges are not over for the ELCA or St. Paul, for you or for me, yes! But as people on a journey, whose destination is at times felt unknown, we do know that we are a church and church body that thank God, does not have it all figured out. We are not a reformed people who refuse to see scripture as a living breathing organism that moves with creation.

I am proud to be a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I am proud to be a pastor in this church. So, as we celebrate the Reformation on October 31st, we do so with great hope for what we as "the church" can continue to be for the world and to one another.



Let the journey continue!

Pastor Kevin Strickland

OCTOBER 31, 2010

From the President:

August has been a busy month at the church. Sunday School, Confirmation, Fabulous First Wednesday's, Choir, and many more programs are back in full swing thanks to each of you who give of your time and talents to make them possible. Members keep asking me how our finances are. August was our best giving month so far this year. That is good news! Our expenses were about \$3,000 less than our income. More good news! But remember to get our expenses down to the level they are we had to make many painful cuts. We are working now on developing a 2011 spending plan which will be presented to you at our November 21st congregational meeting. Also at that meeting we will be electing three new council members. The terms of Joey Merkord, Beth Drane and Marsha Bryant are ending at the end of the year. Jan Hanes is chairman of the nominating committee that will seek candidates for election to council. Please see Jan if you have an interest in serving in this important roll. Thank you all for your for your service to this church. Peace be with you.

Tom Sims-President

sims51@charter.net

982-4981

Would you like to serve on St. Paul's Church Council?

If you are interested in serving on the Council, please contact one of the following individuals; Jan Hanes, Marianne Searfoss or Thom Johnson. The Council needs three (3) members to replace the three leaving. Closing date will be October 15, 2010. You can still be put on the ballot and nominated from the floor, during the Congregation meeting. This term is for 3 years, starting in January 2011.

SUPPORTING/GROWING MINISTRIES

MESSAGE FROM YOUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Thirteen families are now signed up to send their contributions through Mountain National Bank (MNB) using their bank's on-line bill pay system. For four months now, I have been encouraging you to utilize this method to send your financial stewardship gifts to Saint Paul. It allows you to control what, how, and when you give just like when you write a check and/or put money in an envelope on Sunday. If you utilize the reoccurring feature of your system, the transaction will continue to take place on the frequency and \$ amount you set up until you make a change or cancel the transaction. You can set up your contributions to be monthly, bi-monthly or weekly. Although direct electronic transfers are not yet available, we route our on-line contributions to the MNB Branch on Hwy 411 and their representative deposits our bank's checks directly into Saint Paul's account. After about five more months of increasing usage by Saint Paul members, we are hopeful that several of the banks will be able to electronically transfer directly to our MNB account. If you are interested or have questions, please contact me. Call me at 405-9474 or 423-884-6317, or e-mail me on hpcp2@tds.net,

Herb Perry

Archives & Records Committee

The Archives and Records Committee was formed in February 2009 following preliminary work done by the Ad Hoc Archival Development Committee. The committee members are Ann Hall, Helen Johnson, Betty Ludwig, Regina Culver. Gene Frye and Denny Mansmith from the Ad Hoc Committee committed to be a part of the committee until the completion of the Archives work.

The mission of the Archives and Records Committee (SPARC) was to identify, collect, organize and provide for long term care of documents, photos and information that is of archival value to St. Paul or that might be required by law, ELCA, or Southeastern Synod of the ELCA.

When the many boxes and totes full of materials were brought down from storage, the committee realized that a monumental task was apparent. We first began sorting materials into categories. When we finished the initial sorting, each category was resorted to remove duplicates and materials that were not of archival value. The sorting took many two to three hour work sessions to complete. Once the sorting was complete, materials had to be put in numerical order by dates and materials checked to see if the things had been printed on acid free paper. Most of the materials from the 1950's to 1980's had to be copied. Several members of the committee came and worked individually or worked on things at home. Next came filing and computer inventory of the files. Materials are filed in three file cabinets in the library.

The most challenging task to deal with was the pictures. Most did not have names, dates or

events. We sought the advice of Jeanette Bergeron, Director of James R. Crumley Jr. Archives who gave us suggestions that helped us determine how to proceed with them. The pictures were sorted and put into broad categories and placed into plastic sleeves before filing. Subjects in many pictures have not been identified, especially older photos.

After nineteen months and many long work sessions, the task has been completed. The Committee will meet quarterly to update and add any new material. Anyone having materials that you think would possibly be of Archival value to St. Paul should place the materials in the Archives & Records Mail folder, with event, date and pictures identified.

Archive Materials are available for use by congregational members of St. Paul and by other researchers (when approved by SPARC) under conditions that ensure their preservation and which comply with the requirements to respect confidentiality, privacy and specific legal conditions.

Assess is by appointment only and must be coordinated with the SPARC Chair. A SPARC member who is familiar with the contents of the records and is trained in the archival procedures for handling archived materials will assist those using the Archives. A copy of the assess policy will be given to archives users.

Helen Johnson
Chairperson

PARISH LIFE MINISTRIES

St. Paul Adult Ministries (SPAM)

SPAM will have a special guest at the Potluck on OCT. 19th: Pastor Kevin will be our speaker. So, be there before 12 noon, fix a yummy dish, and sit back and enjoy..We need plans for Nov. and Dec, so be ready to Volunteer!

There are free tickets to the Marine Band at Clayton Center, Oct 6th. First come, First Serve!!!!



Tuesday, October 5 , 11:30 a.m.

Contact Person: Margaret Richardson 982-6656

Thursday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.

Contact Person: Lorraine Geary 984-1124

Saturday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.

Contact Person: Mary Frank 984-2153

Thank You Pastor Kevin!

Pastor Appreciation Brunch:

October 10th from 9:15 to 10:15

Come joins us in showing our appreciation for all that Pastor Kevin does! Contact: Carla McMillion

Lutheran Loungers

Thursday, October 7, 8:30 a.m.

Cracker Barrel, Alcoa

771 Louisville Rd. Alcoa

Contact: Jim & Ann Hall—681-8220



SERVING MINISTRIES

Family Promise Host Week: October 3-10

St. Paul will be home to Family Promise guests once again during the first week in October. As of today (September 10th) there are four guest families consisting of a total of 15 people in the program, so we can expect a busy host week. These families each include children, and are temporarily homeless. Our Sunday school rooms will become their bedrooms, our kitchen will be their kitchen, and Richardson Hall will become their dining room and family room. What a privilege it is to open our hearts and welcome these families into our church and to serve, encourage, and walk beside them for this brief portion of their journey. If you're not already

involved in this ministry and would like to experience first-hand what it means to be a host for this ministry, our host week is the perfect opportunity. Contact Laura Mallette (712-7743) to make arrangements for a 'visit' during our host week to learn more about this ministry. St. Paul is one of thirteen host congregations in the Blount County Interfaith Hospitality Network of Family Promise. Together with our partner church, Our Lady of Fatima, we host all guests in the program for one week, Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning, once every thirteen weeks. More information about Family Promise is available at www.blountfamilypromise.org.

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, November 7, 2010

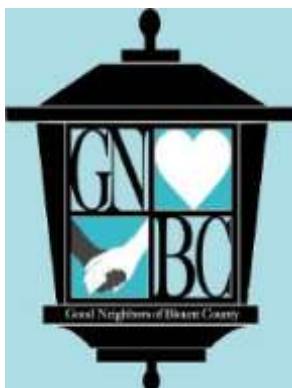
12:00 noon - 2:30 pm

Chilhowee Club ~ appetizers

New Providence Presbyterian ~ entrée

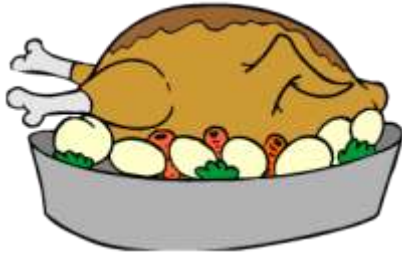
St. Paul Lutheran ~ dessert

Proceeds help provide emergency assistance for utilities, transportation, housing and health care needs to Blount County families in crisis.



Tickets available from James Hall or Laura Mallette or online at www.goodneighborsbc.org

SERVING MINISTRIES



COLLECTING FOOD FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS BEGINS SUNDAY, NOV. 7

The Serving Ministries Team will be collecting food for the Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed in Blount County starting Sunday, November 7, and will continue until November 21. November 21 will be the last day to bring items.

Please look for the turkey displayed in the Narthex with suggestion slips of the items needed. Please feel free to take one or more of the slips. There will be a box in the Narthex designated for the donations.

Your donations of food items should be non perishable. This year we have decided to purchase on the last day: milk, potatoes, fresh fruit, sliced cheese and bread so these items will be fresh. We welcome donations of:

- canned hams
- cake & pie mixes
- frosting mixes
- dried potatoes
- dried beans & rice mixes
- canned fruits and vegetables
- canned cranberry sauce
- peanut butter
- Jelly
- stuffing and gravy mixes.

Monetary donations will especially be appreciated as we will be purchasing additional items this year. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please place a check made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church and designated for Thanksgiving Baskets in Mary Nell Biehler's folder, give to Linda or Pastor Kevin in the church office, or mail to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 429 Sandy Springs Road, Maryville, TN 37803.

If you know someone in need of a basket, please contact Pastor Kevin or Linda at: 982-4285 or email: splchurch@bellsouth.net. or, Mary Nell Biehler : 980-0181 or tndeb@charter.net.

All information is confidential.

Thanks you for your generous support in the years past. An outsider said that "we were known as a giving church". This is something that should make us proud.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

October Schedule of Events

Every Sunday –Preschool to High school classes, 9:30 to 10:15
 October 3 to 31 - Adult Bible Study, Richardson Hall, 9:15 to 10:15
 October 11 – Christmas Program Planning Mtg., 7:00 to 8:30
 October 16 – Confirmation class, Sanctuary cleaning, 10:00
 October 24 – Confirmation Class, 5:00 to 7:30
 October 31 – Confirmands assist with Reformation service

Sunday School News:

Classes begin at 9:30 and end at 10:15. We encourage parents to take their children to their classrooms and check for them at the end of Sunday school. This is a good way to meet your child's teacher and will let the teacher know that your child has arrived at church. We encourage this especially for Pre-school to Grade 2 students.



High School Sunday School:

Attention - High School kids, come and join Kara Birdwell and Lane McGinnis for Bible Study and conversations about your faith, 9:30 to 10:15 in the Jr. High class room.

The Discipleship Ministry Team wants to thank the following dedicated people for sharing their time and talents with our children and youth in Sunday school.

Nursery – up to 3 yrs. – Nursery Team
 Preschool – Cathy LaBlanc, Jo Tollefson,
 Lacey Blackman
 Kindergarten/1st/2nd Grade – Darla Kaufman,
 Laura King
 3rd/4th/5th/6th Grades – Chris Mallette, Winnie
 Johnson
 7th/8th Grades – Sue Tyler, Dee Walker
 High School Youth – High School Teaching
 Team

Planning for Sunday School Christmas Program:

A planning meeting for the Christmas program will be on Monday, October 11 at 7:00 pm. I am looking for several interested individuals to help plan this special event. For more information call Winnie Johnson at 982-2237 or e-mail at winnann35@gmail.com

Confirmation News:

Confirmation students meet each Sunday during S.S class, 9:30 to 10:15. During the month of October the class will be working on their Saints Project. Each Confirmand chooses a saint to study and to report on. The class will also be assisting with the Reformation service on the 31st.

The class will meet on Sunday evening, October 24:

5:00 to 6:00 for First year students
 6:00 to 6:30 the combined class will share supper and practice for Reformation Sunday.
 6:30 to 7:30 for Second year students

Confirmation Service Project: The confirmation class will be cleaning the church sanctuary on the 3rd Saturday of each month. October 16 is their day to clean. This class project is assisted by Sue Tyler and Dee Dee Walker.

Adult Bible Study News:

"Pondering The Parables" with Carolyn and Bob. The October study for adults will be a study of selected parables of Jesus co-led by Carolyn Speck and Bob Block. Join them in Richardson Hall at 9:15 to 10:15 during the month of October.

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

St. Paul to host 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Night 5:00pm - 7:00pm



- All Congregation members are asked to participate in
 - Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 31.
 - Set-up begins at 4:30 (cars should be lined up and decorated by 4:45)
 - Trick or treating will be from 5:00pm - 7:00pm
 - Hot Dogs and drinks will be provided by MIM
- Trunk or treat is an alternative safe place for kids to Trick or Treat.
- The community is invited to attend.

Photos from last year's Trunk or Treat

Even though it rained we had more than 50 Trick or Treaters from the community



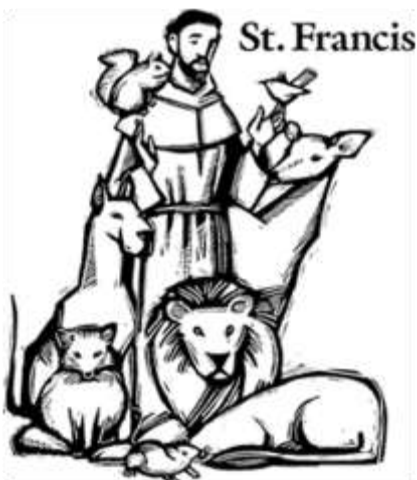
WORSHIP MINISTRIES

October 3rd: 4pm *Blessing of the Animals Service at 4pm*

October 6th: *Fabulous First Wednesday's @St. Paul Worship at 6:30pm*

October 17th: *Commemoration of St. Luke with Healing Service following both worship services*

October 31st: *Reformation Festival Service at 8am and 10:30am*



Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 3rd 4:00pm

Please bring donations of pet food or pet toys to be donated to a local animal shelter.

Fabulous First Wednesday's @ St. Paul



Wednesday, October 6, 2010

Dinner from 5:30-6:15pm

Worship 6:30-7pm

PROCLAIMING MINISTRIES



Interested in being a member of St. Paul?

Have you searched for a place to call home? Have you looked for a community to share your gifts and grow in faith? Have you yearned for a large extended family that will support you, uplift you, walk with you, and help you grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Then we welcome you home to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We welcome you to come home and worship with us, dine with us, fellowship with us, grow in Christian love toward one another with us.

Come and learn more about St. Paul and what it means to be a member of this family of faith over a conversation with Pastor Kevin on **Sundays October 3rd and 10th in the Library**. If you decide to join, we will welcome you on Sunday, October 31st Reformation Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Kevin at anytime 865-982-4285.

St. Paul Lutheran Church Calendar October 2010

Note: Complete calendar on our website. Go to St. Paul's web site and find the calendar link under Member Information. <http://www.stpaulmaryville.org/members>

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
<p>Monday, September 27 Hosting Family Promise</p> <p>Tuesday, September 28 7:17am: High School Prayer Breakfast at Chick-Fil-A 6:30pm: GS Troop # 552</p> <p>Wednesday, September 29 SPAM: Cumberland County Playhouse 10:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>Friday, October 1 Pastor Kevin's Day Off</p> <p>Saturday, October 2 9:00am: Fall Clean Up Day</p> <p>Sunday, October 3 8:00am: Worship Service 9:15am: Adult Bible Study 9:30am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service 4:00pm: Blessing of the Animals Service 5:00pm: Family Promise Host week begins</p>	<p>Monday, October 4 Hosting Family Promise</p> <p>Tuesday, October 5 Hosting Family Promise 10:00am: Community Food Connection 11:30am: Out To Lunch Bunch-Abdrey's 6:30pm: GS Troop # 552 7:00pm: Youth & Family</p> <p>Wednesday, October 6 Hosting Family Promise 10:00am: Prayer Group 5:30pm: Fabulous 1st Wednesday Meal 7:00pm: Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, October 7 Hosting Family Promise 8:30am: Lutheran Loungers 7:00pm: Men In Mission Meeting</p> <p>Friday, October 8 Hosting Family Promise Pastor Kevin's Day Off</p> <p>Saturday, October 9 Hosting Family Promise</p> <p>Sunday, October 10 7:30am: Family Promise Host week ends 8:00am: Worship Service 9:00am: Pastor Appreciation 9:30am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service</p>	<p>Monday, October 11 7:00pm: Christmas Program Planning Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, October 12 7:17am: High School Prayer Breakfast at Chick-Fil-A 5:00pm: Property 6:00pm: GS Troop #74 6:30pm: GS Troop # 552 6:30pm: Worship/Music Committee</p> <p>Wednesday, October 13 10:00am: Prayer Group 6:00pm: High School Youth "Apples to Apples" 6:30pm: Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, October 14 6:00pm: Thivent Blount County Chapter 7:00pm: WELCA Bible Study</p> <p>Friday, October 15 Newsletter Deadline Pastor Kevin's Day Off 3:00pm: Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>Saturday, October 16 8:00am: Girl Scout Troop 20552 Garage Sale 1:00pm: Out to Lunch Bunch</p> <p>Sunday, October 17 8:00am: Worship Service 9:30am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service</p>	<p>Monday, October 18 6:00pm: Ministry Team Night 7:30pm: Council Mtg</p> <p>Tuesday, October 19 7:17am: High School Prayer Breakfast at Chick-Fil-A 12:00pm: SPAM Potluck Luncheon 6:30pm: GS Troop # 552</p> <p>Wednesday, October 20 10:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, October 21 10:00am: Women of the ELCA Morning Group</p> <p>Friday, October 22 Pastor Kevin's Day Off</p> <p>Saturday, October 23 5:30pm: Oktoberfest</p> <p>Sunday, October 24 8:00am: Worship Service 9:30am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service 5:00pm: Confirmation: 1st year Class "Commandments Review and OT Characters" 6:00pm: Confirmation: 1st and 2nd Year Class Meal (practice for Reformation Sunday) 6:30pm: Confirmation: 2nd Year Class "Communion 101"</p>	<p>Monday, October 25 Hosting Family Promise</p> <p>Tuesday, October 26 7:17am: High School Prayer Breakfast at Chick-Fil-A 6:30pm: GS Troop # 552</p> <p>Wednesday, October 27 10:00am: Prayer Group 6:30pm: Adult Choir Practice</p> <p>Thursday, October 28 11:30am: Out to Lunch Bunch 6:30pm: NAMI Support Grp</p> <p>Friday, October 29 Pastor Kevin's Day Off</p> <p>Saturday, October 30 1:00pm: Out to Lunch Bunch</p> <p>Sunday, October 31 New Members Reception on Reformation Sunday 8:00am: Worship Service 9:30am: Sunday School 10:30am: Worship Service 4:30pm: Trunk or Treat</p>



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Dates of Interest

Discipleship:

October 11 @ 7:00 pm Christmas Program planning meeting – Winnie Johnson, winann35@gmail.com.

October 13 @ 6:00 pm High School, "Apples to Apples" – Sue Tyler, sueatyler@bellsouth.net.

October 24 Monthly Confirmation Meeting: Sue Tyler, sueatyler@bellsouth.net

@ 5:00 – 6:00: 1st year confirmands

@ 6:00 – 6:30: SUPPER

@ 6:30 – 7:30: 2nd year confirmands

October 31 @ 4:30 – 7:00 pm – Trunk or Treat: Laura King, tcupchi06@yahoo.com

Parish Life:

October 10 @ 9:15 am-10:15 - Pastor Appreciation – Carla McMillion

October 19 @ Noon – SPAM Potluck luncheon, Pastor speaks on Ghosts, Goblins, and Saints, Floyd Johnson, 982-2237

October 23 @ 5:00 – 8:00 pm – MIM – Oktoberfest in Richardson Hall

October 31 New Members reception on Reformation Sunday

Serving:

October 3-10: Family Promise Host Week

Upcoming:

November 7: Progressive Dinner 12 noon– 2:30 pm to benefit Good Neighbors of Blount County -need volunteers to bake

November 7: Collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets begins.

Supporting:

October 2 @ 9:00 am: Fall clean-up day – Perry McClellan, 379-7458, pbrockyttop@bellsouth.net.

Worship:

October 3 @ 4:00 pm: Blessing of the animals – children's choir (Jean Beck).

October 17 – Festival of Commemoration of St. Luke (healing service).