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# Notes from the Grove

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## *Senior Pastor's Note*

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

As we once again move toward the Holiday Season, which includes Thanksgiving, Christmas and then New Year's Day, I want to take just a moment to encourage you to pause and consider just how good God has been to you over this past year.

While there have been many challenges for us, as well as the entire world over the past many months, God is still good! Once again, we are reminded of the fragility of life and that we should do our best to value our loved ones.

I believe the Holiday Season doesn't need to be filled with stress and anxiety when we realize the purpose for celebrating these wonderful times of the year... and the New Year!

November brings us the simple reminder that thankfulness is truly the kind of spirit we are to have and this thankfulness will be more meaningful when we are both thankful to those around us, as well as our God above us.

Here's a beautiful verse of scripture on thankfulness out of the Message version of the Bible: 1 Chronicles 29:13 (MSG) **13 And here we are, O God, our God, giving thanks to you, praising your splendid Name.**

I encourage you to really focus on this spirit of thanksgiving in advance of all these Holidays and I really believe God will give you a tremendous appreciation for the Christ of Christmas as well. More than the "tinsel and the toys", and more than "bustle and the noise", is the realization that Jesus came to earth over 2000 years ago for you and I to know the blessed gift of Salvation!

Then, when these special days are over, take a week to reflect on the events of this past year and determine your goals for the New Year ahead.

Here is a wonderful scripture in anticipation of the New Year: Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) **13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.**

Press on! This walk with the Lord speaks of tenacity and resolve, yet the same God who has helped you make it through this year in victory will also be there to help you in the year ahead!

So, get out there and enjoy the Holiday Season!

Blessings in Christ  
Pastor Riley

### *November Birthdays*

4 - David Johnson  
6 - Wanda Rankin  
8 - John-Annie Roberts  
14 - Christine Clary  
17 - Gertrude Wright  
19 - Clyde Louie Smack  
21 - Robert Miller  
24 - Susie Gordon  
27 - Barbara Boston  
28 - Doug Waters  
28 - Cathy Prouty

**Our Vision Statement:**

*"Every member a good neighbor."*

***Our Purpose Statement:***

**"Our Journey - Knowing, Loving, Serving, Sharing."**

### Some Words from the Education Director

It is good to be back into the routine of Fall with all of our favorite seasons and holidays just around the corner. In October, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, Hispanic Heritage Month, Laity Sunday, Children's Sabbath, First Responders Sunday, Reformation Sunday and Pastor Appreciation month! On the last day of the month, we honored the 5 retired Pastors who call our church home as a part of Pastor Appreciation month! Congratulations Lee Bateman, Suzanne Kornowski, Jesse Lough, Pat Orr and Marjorie Byrd. We are honored to have you here at MGUMC! Finally, we capped the month off with our annual Trunk or Treat as a service to our community. Thank you Jonathan and the youth for doing such a great job!

**The next Ladies' Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, November 12, at 9 am. (Keep in mind that this is a change from our regular week in the month.)** If you would like to participate in this program, please contact me for more information. I would also encourage you to invite your praying friends to participate regardless of whether or not they attend our church. Unity at a time like this is vital to our community.

Thanks to the brand new "Senior Adult Advisory Committee", we have already started new programs that will impact our seniors. On our Advent Devotional table, we will have Advent guides specifically designed for seniors. We have started a day time version of the Wednesday Community classes. They will be held on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm. We will be starting the Young at Heart luncheons again with one in December, watch the bulletin for details! Finally, Emy Bennett and her Silver Patrol Volunteers will be delivering fruit baskets this month!

I have been meeting with a core group of volunteers to take a look **at present and potential programs.** We would love your input about what you would like to see happen in our church and community. We really want to be a "cradle to the grave" church! If there is a program that we no longer do that interested you and your family or a program that you see other churches doing, let me know and we will look into it. **Right now there is a large bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall where you can write that information.**

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**The month of November is Native American Heritage Month.**

**Sunday, November 6** All Saints Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Charge Conference

**Tuesday, November 8** Election Day

**Saturday, November 12** Ladies' Prayer Breakfast

**Sunday, November 13** Veteran's Sunday/Flag Burning after Service

Harvest Sunday

Bake Sale for Wesleyan Women

World Kindness Day

**Saturday, November 19 2:00 pm** Gertrude Wright's 100 birthday celebration

**Sunday, November 20** National Bible Week. Bring your Bible for a treat!

**Tuesday, November 22 7:00 pm** Thanksgiving Service

**Thursday, November 24** Thanksgiving Day

**Sunday, November 27** First Sunday in Advent

United Methodist Student Sunday

KEEP IN MIND THAT WE ARE HALF WAY THROUGH THE "BER" MONTHS AND THAT MEANS WE ARE IN THE MIST OF OUR BUSIEST SEASON! Please keep an eye on the bulletin for other events and any calendar changes. Thank you for your volunteer spirit and prayers for our church programs! I also post things regularly on our website: [atthegrove.church](http://atthegrove.church) and **Myrtle Grove Neighborhood**

**Scoop on Facebook.** Check it out!

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Education Director

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### Addresses & Other Changes, New Members, Baptisms, Transfers, & Deaths

#### Membership:

Lucinda I. Bateman (CT)

Transferred from New Hope UMC

Robertsdale, AL

October 14-2022

### Reminder to All Sunday School Classes, Groups and Scouts

**We ask that you be sure to clean up the room(s) that you use whenever you are here. There is a vacuum in the custodian's closet (M5) for you to use. Please return the vacuum when you are finished. Thank you for helping to keep the church clean.**

### November Prayer List

#### November 1-5

James & Suzanne Ferguson

Chad Few

Connie Few

Devon & Chasity Few, Adalyn, Breylin,

Brenden

Dee Flues

Dorothy Ford

Bruce Fortner

#### November 6-12

Robert & Marianne Fuller

Kay Gamble

Patricia Gamwell

George & Sally Garner

Steven & Patricia Geci

Larry & Theresa Gillespie, Lacey

Thomas & Rachel Goodloe, Tom

#### November 13-19

Bubba & Suzie Gordon

Elrena Greeney

Ananiah Grozdanoff

Mark Harper

Beverly Harris

Chris Harris, John, Chris Jr.,

Ashleigh, Haleigh, Aleigh, Chance

Cody Harvison

#### November 20-26

Renee Hedden

Paul & Barbara Henderson

Beth Herndon

Sharon Hogan

Ronnie Marie Ingram

Cheryl Johnson

#### November 27-30

David & Donna Johnson

Heather Johnson

Robert & Donna Johnson

Nancy & Randy Thurston

Shep & Nancy Jones

Carol Laguens

#### Sunday Activities

Sunday School 8:30 am

Worship 10:00 am

Prayer Team 4:00 pm

## Worship Service Opportunities

#### Wednesday Activities

Youth Elevate - 6:00pm

Small Groups - 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal - 7:15pm

**All Saints Sunday  
November 6, 2022**

**This is the day we remember our church family that have passed on from last All Saints Sunday to the present by calling their names during the worship service.**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends  
Sunday, November 6th  
Be sure to set your clocks back one hour  
on Saturday night at bedtime.**

**Hanging of the Greens  
Sunday, November 20th  
Following the Worship Service  
Volunteers Needed to help.**

**First Sunday of Advent  
Sunday, November 27th**

**Senior Citizens of Myrtle Grove Methodist Church  
Christmas Banquet  
Wednesday, December 7, 2022  
1:00PM**

Open to the senior members of the church. Reservations are needed for a head count. Call the church office at 850-456-7463, ext. 4. Give your name and the number of people coming please. Dinner will be the Men's famous fish, cole slaw, Master Chief's slow stirred baked beans, hush puppies, and dessert. More information in the upcoming bulletins.



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**Harvest Sunday  
November 13, 2022**

Harvest Sunday is a time for our congregation to share their bounty with others who are not so fortunate. Because Elijah's Pantry is so overwhelmed by the number of families who need our help, we will add the "Harvest" to the bags we give in the coming weeks.

Suggested items we would like to add:

- Boxed dressing
- Cranberries
- Canned vegetables
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Turkey gravy
- Canned fruit
- Desserts

Please bring your donations to the altar on Harvest Sunday. **PLEASE, NO-OUTDATED FOOD.**  
**Harvest Bags are in the Narthex for you to take and fill with the above items.**

**52nd Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service  
Tuesday, November 22, 2022  
7:00PM**

**Myrtle Grove Methodist Church is hosting.  
Little Flower Catholic Church is our Guest.**

**A reception in fellowship hall follows the service.**

## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Thank you so much to the children and their families for another fun Children's Sabbath! It is always a joy to hear the children play their instruments and this year we had 3. Bella Zimmerman opened on the piano, Grace Colyer played on her ukulele and her sister Hannah played her viola. Soon we may have a children's orchestra! It was nice to hear the voices of the children as they sang for us again. Their favorite part is always where they can bring their cards to the pastor!

Thank you also to everyone who participated in the annual Trunk or Treat. Jonathan and the youth did a great job and everyone had a lot of fun!

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The next time the children will sing as a choir will be on Sunday, November 13 for the Veterans. Watch for the lyrics to come home from Sunday School. If you wish for your children to participate, but do not go to Sunday School, see Janet for the lyric sheet. You can get the tune and practice by accessing the music through youtube.

Also on November 13, the Children will be asked to bring in nonperishable food for the pantry. It is Harvest Sunday and we will have a display in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to see how much food the children, youth and scouts donated.

The children will be making cards for Ms. Gertrude and may even sing for her! Watch for upcoming details.

**National Bible** week will be an opportunity for the children to get a treat bag for remembering to bring their Bible to church. If your child/grandchild needs a Bible let me know.

**Advent** is around the corner and we will have devotional guides available to the children, youth and families. There will also be "Santa's Post Office" where they can mail a letter to Santa or send Christmas cards to anyone in the church. We will also be putting up the annual "Angel Tree" where people can donate Christmas presents to children and youth in our church who cannot afford Christmas themselves. If your child needs a little extra love this year, give their name and information to me and I will place them (anonymously) on the Angel Tree.

Watch the bulletin for upcoming Children's Department events!

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Logan Marlow is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader who attends our church with his grandmother, Sharon Hogan and his sister Brianna. Logan is also a member of our Cubscout Pack 2 in the Wolf Den. He has been a scout since he was in Kindergarten as a Lion Cub. Logan is currently working on his "God & Me" religious medal on Wednesday Nights with the other scouts in his group. Logan attends Sunday school with his teacher, Dannie Law. He also participates in Children's Church. Did you see him singing in the Cherub Choir on the Children's Sabbath? Logan likes sports, camping and crafting. He is an awesome young man!



Hey everyone, thank you for everyone's help with Trunk or Treat. We had a great night and I appreciated everyone in their efforts to make it such a success! The whole month was full of great times with the Youth from watching one of our seniors play his last football game. To the Halloween Party and Lock-In. We have so much to be thankful for as we get closer to the rest of the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up. We will be doing 30 Hour Famine again and will have a service project with it during the holidays. I'll also be looking for other ways for the Youth to give back. Blessings to all of you.

G.O.E-Jonathan

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### Finally, MEET YOUR FAMILY...

Dannie Law is a longtime volunteer in the Children's Department Sunday School. Presently, she teaches the second grade. She is also the coordinator for Children's Church and sends out regular reminders to the volunteers when it is their time to teach. Dannie is a proud mom and grandmother. Three of her four grandchildren attend church with her, Jonathan, Bo & Brantley. Her mother, Lou Sturm and her brother and his family attend each week as well. Her son, Cody, also attends our church services. She works at Navy Federal and lives in the Bellview community. Dannie has been a member of this church for over 20 years.

### Scouts

This fall the scouts participated in earning their "God & Country" awards through our Wednesday Night classes. I am proud to say that almost all of our Cub Scouts have earned their age level "God & Country" awards and many of them have earned multiple religious awards. Often our scout leaders are the volunteers who teach these classes on Wednesday nights.

I hope you can join us for Veterans Sunday, November 13. The scouts will be honoring our veterans with a flag ceremony and a Flag burning ceremony in the cemetery after the service has ended. It is a very moving program and I hope you will attend. If you have a flag that needs to be retired, we will be glad to handle that during this program.

We have two new scout leaders: Troop 2 Scoutmaster Debra Casper and Pack 2 Cubmaster Joyce Childers! Both are grandparents who have stepped up to leadership positions! Thank you!

If your scout has anything they accomplished in scouts, school, sports, church, etc., please contact me and I will put them in the monthly newsletter.

If you would like information on a scouting program for your son or daughter (grandson/granddaughter) in grades K-12, please contact Janet at [jlbpensmgumc@gmail.com](mailto:jlbpensmgumc@gmail.com) or (850) 456-7463 x5 or on Facebook. So proud to be the home to the oldest scout groups in the regional area!

Submitted by,

Janet Boston

### Myrtle Grove Cemetery Article

Please prayerfully consider a year-end contribution to our Myrtle Grove Cemetery in support of our ongoing Cemetery maintenance costs. Checks should be made payable to Myrtle Grove Cemetery and delivered to the Church Office.

Submitted by,

Harry Stump, Chairperson