

July 2017



FOUND: TWO COLLEGE STUDENTS

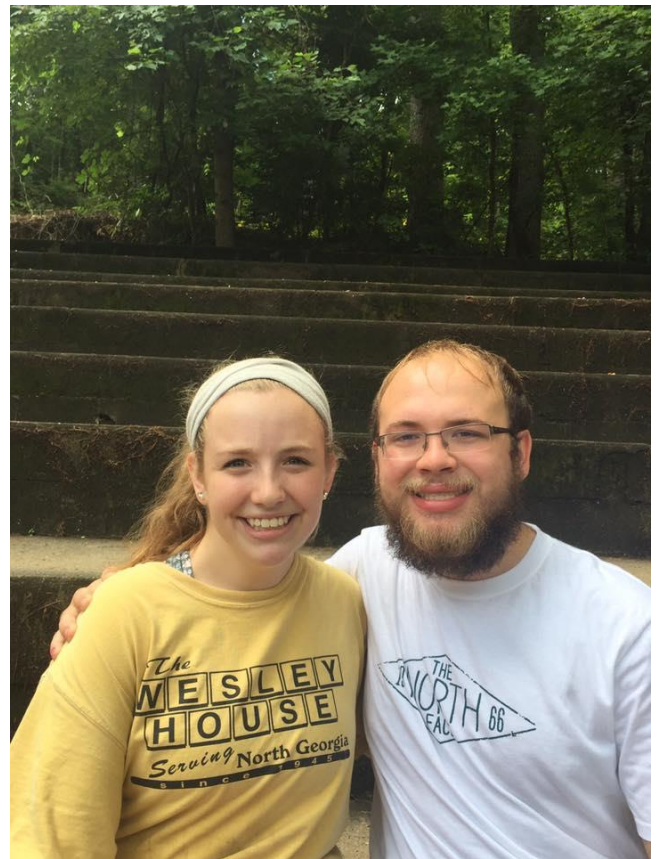
Names: Ally Goddard & Oscar King

Where: Camp Glisson

When: ALL SUMMER!!

Doing What: Having the time of their lives serving God and 3222 campers!

Dear LRUMC,
Wow what a summer it has been! We have spent the last nine weeks at Camp Glisson pouring into our campers and facilitating growth in their relationship with God. We have been truly blessed to be counselors to campers of all ages and backgrounds! This summer our theme was "connect," and we focused on how important it is to connect with God! On top of learning about God, we also got to do some pretty amazing things like zip lining, camping out, tie-dye, swimming in the pool, and countless other activities! We have learned so much about God, each ourselves, and how important it is to invest into the next generation of the church! We have so many stories and would love to tell you them! Camp is truly another home for us! That being said, we are also really excited to be back home and be back at Little River! We love all of you and can't wait to catch up with you guys! Ally and Oscar



Little River—Get Ready for a Feast on September 9th!!

Martie Rudd will join us in worship for both the Praise Service and the 11 o'clock Worship Service on Sunday, August 20. During and after worship, you will have the opportunity to meet Martie Rudd in person! Who is Martie and what is so special about her visiting Little River? First, you need to know she is a dear friend of Cara Bush. When she learned about what has been happening to Tony and Cara, she realized she could make a difference in their lives and ours by sharing her talents and time and joining us on a Saturday night to bless Tony and Cara. What's going to happen that night?

On Saturday, September 9, from 6-8 pm, Martie will present a concert smorgasbord that will delight all types of musical tastes: old, new, country, classics, hymns, and contemporary Christian. After the various "courses of a musical feast," we will enjoy desserts and coffee downstairs. Donations will be received on behalf of Tony and Cara Bush and given to them after the concert. The following is a brief history of Martie's life:

Martie has been performing as long as she can remember. Music has always been a part of her life. She grew up in a household filled with music in some fashion, vocal or instrumental. At the age of 3, she stood on a stool and sang, "Jesus Loves Me" into a radio microphone on her Grandfather's Christian radio program. For the majority of her life, Martie has been involved in church music in some form or another, either singing or leading a choir, playing the piano, or teaching children the basics of song and music.

She became involved in musical theatre in the late 80's and has been involved ever since. At first, she was off the stage, playing for auditions, being rehearsal pianist, and was lead keyboardist for shows, musical director, pit conductor and vocal coaching. In the mid 1990's a friend asked her to step out of the orchestra pit and onto the stage. Because she had sung in church and school choirs since she could carry a tune, the transition was an easy one. From the beginning of her stage career, Martie's talents have been celebrated in various ways: she has been nominated for a "Post and Alley Award" for Best Supporting Actress for her portrayal of Emma Goldman in the musical "Ragtime", for Best Supporting Actress as Ida Strauss in the musical "Titanic", Best Supporting Actress as Mrs. Lucinda Barry in "Anne of Green Gables," and for Musical Direction in "Anne of Green Gables".

In the late 1980's through the mid 1990's, Martie worked as a studio vocalist in Nashville, New York, and Atlanta – doing national and local commercials (ex: Stouffer Hotels, Sure Deodorant, Delta Air Lines, Coca-Cola and the Atlanta Braves). She also sang back up for many nationally known artists; Isaac Hayes, George Benson and Mariah Carey, The Atlanta Rhythm Section, The Black Crows, and many other groups. She had the honor of working as one of Amy Grant's first back-up singers during the time when Ms. Grant was just starting to become popular in the contemporary Christian market.

Martie has been married for 11 years to Brian Rudd. Together, they attend and serve at C3 Church (a UM Church) in Lawrenceville. What a Musical Feast we will enjoy on Saturday, September 9, from 6-8 pm. And as icing on the cake, afterwards, we will enjoy desserts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall. Please share this information with friends and family and invite them to join us for this special concert. We will all be blessed and bless a family of our own by overcoming the devil with Christ's love and compassion!! - Pastor Gale



MONDAY MORNING PRAYER GROUP

The MMPG continues to meet and grow. We have an average of 10 in attendance every week with an average of 15-20 cards being mailed each week. Birthday and anniversary cards are being mailed. The group is very grateful to our church family for your support. Many gifts are received making it possible to continue. Please continue to pray for our group. Come join us when you have a chance. God Bless. If you have any concerns that we need to pray for, feel free to call Jenny Mitchell @ [770.926.3172](tel:770.926.3172) or Sandra Wehunt @ [770.926.3595](tel:770.926.3595). You may email, if you prefer, Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com.



INCREDIBLES NEWS

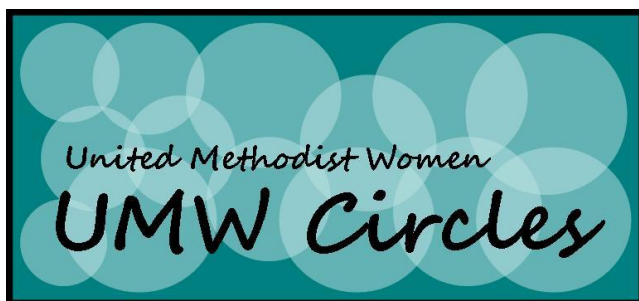
THE INCREDIBLES had a busy month. Due to conflicts of activities, we had to cancel our monthly breakfast. We were able to help with the Adventure Camp kids on July 18th. Thanks to those from our group who attended. A great time was had by all. We plan to have our monthly breakfast on August 8th @ the Woodstock Chick-fil-a Dwarf House.

We always meet around 9am. Come join us for a great time of fun and fellowship. On June 26th, we drove to Alexanders in Blairsville for some shopping.

We took a caravan of vehicles with around 20 individuals and had lunch at the Rib Country Restaurant. We all took an unplanned stop on the way back by Mercier's Apple Orchard for some apple pies and goodies. Thank you, Roy, Peggy, & Sandra for getting the trip together! Come join this great group! Any questions? Please call Jenny Mitchell @ 770.926.3172 or Sandra Wehunt @ 770.926.3595 or email Sandrawehunt1@yahoo.com.

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UMW's NEW Morning Circle



UMW Morning Circle met in June for the second time. It was created to enable more of our ladies to participate in the women's activities of this church. Our roster is strong at seven, and growing! Our intention is to strengthen our love of God through missions, especially those of women and children locally and globally.

Our late summer focus will be collecting change to support Water for Liberia. This will provide wells and drinking water for thousands of people and improve their quality of life. Please join us in filling the water jugs designated for this mission located at the church. Money collected will be donated to "Water for Life" at our November District meeting.

Our next meeting will be August 29th at 11:15 AM in The Fellowship Classroom.

All women of this congregation are welcome to attend.

Blessings, Bonita Cox C. 615-293-1670



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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Our UMW hosted a PB&J sack lunch service project for MUST Ministries during the month of July, and it was a grand success! Tons of volunteers stayed after church and approximately 250 lunches were completed in 20 minutes!



The UMW would like to thank everyone that stayed to lend a helping hand. These sack lunches have fed hungry children in Cherokee up until the time that school starts back Tuesday. Thank you for helping 'spread' the love!!

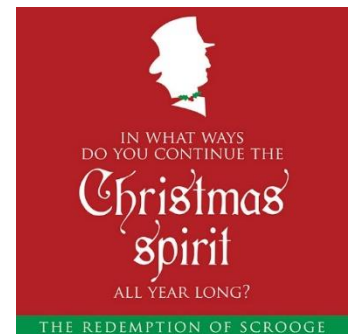


Join one of our next circle meetings!
Paula Goddard - UMW President 2017
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Fun Celebrating Christmas in July!

A big thanks to Levada Eller for leading our Summer Bible Study! We all had a great time studying the birth of Christ during a less stressful time of year! This summer we had an average of 22 individuals, one Christmas tree, lots of school supplies, tons of desserts, dozens of carols, and an over-all great time!



TRUSTEES

Your Trustees are Roger Long and Gail Olschewske, Co-Chairs, Debbie Hamby, Jane Watkins, Debra Hord, Tom Walbeck and J.R. Smith. We are in charge of all buildings, parsonage, furnishings, grounds, cemetery, parking lot, van, utilities, maintenance, custodial service, security, insurance, pest control, water cooler, etc. There is always something that needs doing or replaced. As you know, the parking lot has been our big project this year. The parking lot has been completely redone, restriped, new handicapped spaces, new walkways added, overflow parking lot and drive around church resealed, etc. In the last couple of weeks, the bushes next to the church and fellowship hall have been removed and black mulch has been added. We still lack one major part of this project and that is the railing. A contractor has been selected and we are on his waiting list. Unfortunately, he is very busy right now, but our turn will come. Hopefully it will go fast once he is able to start. Remember we had to wait on Bartow Paving too, and we are not sorry that we waited on them. We are very happy with their work.

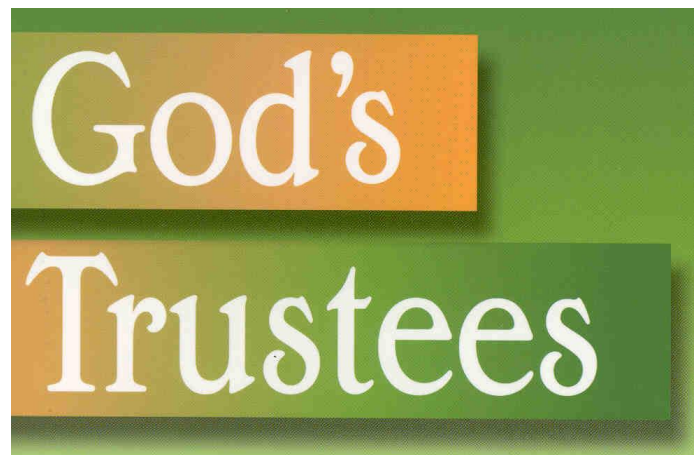
We have replaced the water fountain downstairs in the Education Building with a water cooler with cups like the one upstairs.

We have added two new pieces of equipment for small kids to the playground. Shawna and Ricky Blount have donated another one. The UMM took down some of the old equipment that could not be restored; took down the two old gates; and removed the old fence down the middle of the playground. Roger Long and Ryan Olschewske worked on the swings, replacing some and moving some, and now they are ready for the kids to use. We plan to get another piece of equipment for older kids; paint the fence; replace the gates, and add mulch. Then our playground will be more up-to-date and safer for the kids to use.

On Monday mornings, you may have seen a few extra cars in the parking lot nearer the street. These are people attending court at the City of Woodstock. The City is using our lot as an overflow as per our agreement with them. I have counted 10 cars one week and 12 another. They park, walk to the City Administrative Building, and as soon as their case is heard, they leave.

We have another project in mind, but first we have to complete the projects we have started. If you have any extra funds that you would like to donate towards these projects, they would go to great use. You may speak with Gail or Roger if you would like to donate to a specific project. If you have a concern or would like for us to think about another project, just talk to any of the trustees and we will discuss.

Gail O & Roger Long,
Co-Chairs, Trustees



Please continue to pray for our trustees as they continue to pour out their time and effort to ensure Little River is a wonderful, safe place to love and serve the Lord.



The Youth group had a great time this Summer! We had a lock-in towards the beginning of the Summer, a skating party at Hot Wheels, a pool party at the Woodlands, and a Back to School Lock-in! Big thanks to Heidi and Braham for being great chaperones and Natalie and Eric for hosting the pool party!



Upcoming Wedding Anniversaries:

David & Theresa Bailey	8-12-1997
Brian & Stacey York	8-21-1994
Tom & Kathy Walbeck	8-22-2012
Roger & Deborah Long	9-8-1989
Carl & Dorothy McKinney	9-14-1968
Chuck & Sandy Sharp	9-22-1982
Bob & Levada Eller	9-30-1976

Upcoming Birthdays:	Aug.		Sept.
Richard Cluff	1	Teresa Bailey	1
Cindy Jones	4	Carter Vanderberg	4
Carolyn Conner	6	Stafford Connor	12
Bonita Cox	9	Heidi Kind	13
Owen Elrod	9	William Oberleitner	6
Ray Brandt	10	Jamie Cross	14
Peggy Norman	14	Fred Bayley	15
Dudley Weldon	15	Bayden Free	17
Peter Black	16	LaNelle Wood	18
Gail Olschewske	19	Ben Beavers	19
Steve York	19	Cara Bush	22
Ann-Marie Breaux	21		
Roxie Joyce	21		
Brennen Vanderberg	22		
Roger Long	25		
Beverly Oberleitner	25		
Cody Free	25		
Chuck Sharp	26		
Eddie Watkins	28		

Thank you for Reading the June Edition "River News"!

If you did not get your group/individual segment into the newsletter this month, no worries. Simply send your next update to LittleRiverNewsletter@gmail.com and you will be included in the next issue.

Copies will be available at church & mailed to shut-ins.

If you would like a color copy, please send

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