

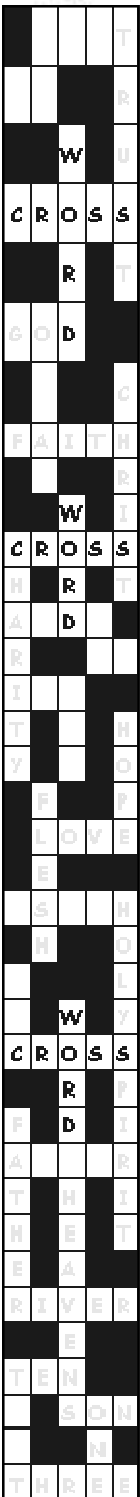


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Norcross, Georgia



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Many more of these will come, probably not in the Newsletter, but during Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, but here is one thought as we have wrapped up our discernment process, and now move on to the process of gathering the information we have obtained, and making good use of it. But, my first thought is that we have a great community (my term for what you all call family) of people at Norcross Presbyterian Church. We have a good body, as Paul would call it in

his correspondence with the Corinthians, in that we have people who do a variety of things. Some give of their time at the Norcross Co-op. Some give of their time to work in our Education; teaching our children, youth and adults in Sunday School and in youth group and in Bible Studies. Some give of their time in cooking meals, for Wednesday night and/or for VBS and/or for Sunday morning coffee hour and/or for special occasions like Consecration Sunday or Teacher Appreciation night. Some enhance our worship with song or drama, and experience worship while preparing for those events in practice. Some who wish they had more time to do all the things they would like help by giving financial support to various ministries so that they can continue.

In short, this church works because you work it. From all angles.

Which leads to October. October means baseball playoffs. It also means Stewardship and Consecration Sunday. We all know that what we can do in the community is directly related to what kind of financial resources are at our disposal. As we sit down and figure out what to do with the great family community that we are, using our strengths, we are limited only by the resources at our disposal. And one area in which we have been strong for at least the last five years is our stewardship. Let us continue in that strength.

So, be on the lookout for letters in your mailbox which will invite you to Consecration Sunday on 28 October. You will be invited to stay after church and join us for lunch. As last year, this will be a meal provided for you, and we will celebrate our stewardship and the good work we will be able to do in 2008 and beyond. So keep your eyes on your mailbox, as you will find information soon.

May we all continue to,

Be Well,

*Matt*



NORCROSS  
Presbyterian Church

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus.  
- I Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)

# the Pumpkin Patch



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We offer many different products and activities at our patch, such as

- Decorative gourds and Indian Corn
- One-of-a-kind, hand-painted pumpkins
- Morning preschool visits with storytellers, games, and treats (call office to schedule)
- Games such as ring toss and beanbag toss
- Great photo opportunities



### Annual NPC BBQ/Bazaar

Mark your calendar for **Saturday October 20th**

- Yard Sale/Flea Market 8 AM–3 PM
- BBQ lunch plate available 11 AM-2 PM

### About The NPC Pumpkin Patch

The pumpkin patch has been a ministry of NPC for 6 years now; 2007 proceeds will go to:

- Norcross Cooperative Ministry, and
- Conferences/Camps/Youth Programs



# Witness & Evangelism

OCTOBER 7, 2007

## World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Offering

What would a world living out the peace of God look like? We all have a concrete image of what violence looks like, but usually have only abstract ideas about peace. One concrete image of peace is that of a child playing outside. That means the land is safe to play in, there are no land mines or fighting nearby, no conscription into the army or child labor; there is food and water and adults caring for the household. The world needs more peaceful scenes of children playing. One way to help the world is through funding the Peacemaking Offering.

In 2006 more than \$2.2 million was received through Presbyterian Peacemaking offering which supports efforts of the PC(USA) at the local, regional, and national levels to share God's healing and peace. It is received on World Communion Sunday in recognition that God's healing is offered to all people of all nations and that in taking the bread and cup of Communion we are united in Christ with one another in the work of healing.

Some of the many ways in which Peacemaking Offering funds have worked for peace include:

1. support services for victims of domestic violence
2. support for youth programs that work to prevent gang and drug involvement
3. contributing to the court-appointed advocates program for abused and neglected children
4. support resources for preventing and responding to sexual abuse
5. support a village jointly established by Jewish and Palestinian Arab citizens of Israel
6. bring youth from Nicaragua to the US as part of a partnership with a group in Nicaragua
7. support a spiritual life center at a prison, and programs for newly released prisoners
8. participate in antiracism and cultural proficiency efforts of the PC(USA)

and the list goes on. For more information look online at [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking offering](http://www.pcusa.org/peacemaking%20offering)

Norcross Presbyterian will participate in this special offering on Sunday, October 7, and so we encourage members and friends to prayerfully commit a generous gift to help fund these endeavors. Twenty-five percent is retained by congregations, 25% is used by synods and presbyteries, and 50% is allocated to General Assembly ministries.

Be a part of the healing of the nations, and sharing of peace!

Thank you,  
B.J. Steele  
Witness and Evangelism Committee

# NPC Men's Group

The Men's Group is looking for volunteers to help with the annual BBQ on Saturday, October 20th. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Chip Plyler or Tim Rado. Thanks in advance for your help!

## Lionheart Theatre Company Presents:

### Laughing Stock

by Charles Morey

*Directed by Tanya Carroll*

*Laughing Stock* is a crazy, fun-filled look at backstage life in The Playhouse, a small New England summer stock theatre with a company on the edge of a nervous breakdown. From auditions through rehearsals to opening nights, disaster piles upon disaster as the struggling company copes with fatigue, technical problems, forgotten lines, and personal disappointment. *Laughing Stock* is a farce, but it is also the story of a group of eccentric people who love to create theatre—and in doing so, find a family.

***Performances:***

Fridays, November 2, 9, 16 at 7:30pm  
Saturdays, November 3, 10, 17 at 7:30pm  
Sundays, November 4, 11, 18 at 2:00pm

***Ticket prices:***

\$15 for Adults, \$12 for Seniors and Students  
Groups of 10 or more \$10 each  
All ticket prices include dessert and beverages.

**Make Reservations Now!**

[www.lionhearttheatre.org](http://www.lionhearttheatre.org)

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**Norcross Community & Cultural Arts Center**  
10 Britt Ave, Norcross, GA 30071  
(up the hill from City Hall)

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
OCTOBER  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 3 Lindsey Badeaux
- 3 Tom Birmingham
- 3 Joseph Crymes
- 4 David Bartlett
- 5 Cassie Smith
- 10 Ryan Kaul
- 13 Matthew Goring
- 17 B.J. Steele
- 19 Matthew Helmstetter
- 19 Jan Putnam
- 24 Maryann Peterson
- 25 Holton Kaul
- 26 Skip Putnam
- 27 Sandra Murray
- 29 Craig Harris

# October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 Boy Scouts 8:00 KYC Class	2 7-9:30 District BSA Commissioners' Mtg 8:00 KYC Class	3 5:45 WND- Helmstetter 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 Praise Team 8:30 KYC Worship	4 6:30 Girl Scouts 8:00 KYC Class	5 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	6 9:30 Youth to NCM
7 9:15 SS/NPC 10:30 Worship NPC 11:30 SS/KYC 1:00 <i>Pumpkin unload</i> 1:00 Worship KYC 2:00 KYC Fellowship 3:30 Bell Choir 4:00 CE Meeting 6:00 Youth Group	8 <i>Pumpkin Patch open!</i> 6:30 Boy Scouts 8:00 KYC Class	9 8:00 KYC Class	10 5:45 WND- Swenson/Fry 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Adult Choir 8:30 Praise Team 8:30 KYC Worship	11 6:30 Girl Scouts 8:00 KYC Class	12 <i>Montreat Fall Family Weekend</i> 9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	13 <i>Montreat Fall Family Weekend</i>
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28 9:15 SS/NPC 10:30 Worship NPC 11:30 SS/KYC 12:00 Consecration Luncheon 1:00 Worship KYC 2:00 KYC Fellowship 3:30 Bell Choir 5:00 Youth Choir 6:00 Youth Group	29 6:30 Boy Scouts 8:00 KYC Class	30 8:00 KYC Class	31 <i>Last day for Pumpkin Patch</i>  <i>Halloween—No NPC Evening Activities Scheduled</i> 8:30 KYC Worship			