



The time is now! Pumpkins will be delivered Sunday, October 10, 2004 at 12:30, right after church. Bring a lunch and wear work clothes to church (or bring some to change into). Please bring wagons and wheelbarrows and old blankets to cushion the pumpkins as they come off the truck. We will need people to help unload, to count pumpkins, to put the pumpkins out, and to finish up any decorations that need to be done. **Remember, those who help on delivery day and on tearing down the Patch will get double credit hours.** TEENS: ask your friends who need to work community service hours to join; they can get credit for this.

There are still many whole days that have not been filled in with volunteers on the sign up sheets. If you have mentioned a desire to help, but still have not put your name to paper, now is the time. Deb Bain is coordinating the volunteers. If you have an emergency and cannot make your shift, contact Deb and she will help with staffing the patch.

Check out times of the most need: preschool hours during the week, the 1-4 shift during the week, and the final weekend in October, when some NPC families will be in Montreat. October 29-31st are the busiest days and we need to fill those the Patch with smiling faces willing to help. Tearing down the Patch will begin Wednesday, November 3rd and finish up on Saturday, November 7th. Double credit hours for those days!

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You've heard about it for months! Fall is in the air! Let's have fun while doing this worthwhile fund-raising event and community outreach. Our neighbors who have been "repeat customers" mention how wonderful our Patch is and has become a new family tradition (and how it saves the bumper-to-bumper journey to Bert's Pumpkin Patch in Dahlonga). The BBQ/Bazaar will take place during the second of three week-ends the Patch will be open (see article next page).





The Annual Norcross Presbyterian Church BBQ/Bazaar will be held Saturday, October 23, 2004. The look and feel of the day will be different as the Pumpkin Patch will be open, and a new Christian band will be performing during the peek lunch hours. Also, Joe Albright, who originally loaned NPC the cooker way back when Harry Singer and friends did the cooking, will be cooking on site. Food will be served 11:00a.m.--2:00pm. Tickets on sale during October, or can be bought when you are ready to eat on October 23rd! The food tickets will cost \$7.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child (through age 10), family cap of \$20.00.

On the menu: BBQ, hot dogs, baked beans, cole slaw, dessert, cold drink.

Bazaar open 8:00a.m.—3:00p.m.

Fire truck visit at 10:30a.m.

Face painting and games throughout the day.

Boy Scout Show and Do throughout the day.

Food served 11:00a.m.—2:00p.m.

Electric Candlelight Band Performs NOON (Christian Rock Band)

Pumpkin Patch Open 9:00a.m.—8:00p.m.

Bazaar items can be dropped off at the church October 15—23. Please separate items into price categories of \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00 and place them in the pre-priced bins that will line the upstairs hall that week. If you can donate clothes on hangers, that will help decrease preparation time to put the items on display. If you have items that you think will sell for more than \$5.00, please put an appropriate price tag on it.

Set up at 6:00a.m. See sign up sheets to help work different shifts for the Bazaar and the Patch throughout the day. AADE will send a truck at the end of the day to pick up left-over bazaar items.

Community Thanksgiving Service

As always, we will participate in a community Thanksgiving service on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, Sunday 21 November. As not per always, we will be the hosts this year. The service will begin at 7.30 p.m. There will once again be a community choir, which will be comprised of all the participating church choirs. They will sing one of my favorite anthems. The choirs will meet for rehearsal at 6.15.

This is regularly a wonderful event, where we cross denominational lines, and get to worship together with folks we know (and folks we don't know) in the community. In some senses, when we do ecumenical things, we get a foretaste of what heaven will be like, and with whom it will be populated. After the service, we are to stick around for desert (you will be told what to bring later). Again, another foretaste of what heaven will be like.

As the host church this year, it is my sincere hope that we have a good turnout, and that we make a good showing of our church home to our brothers and sisters in the community. I hope to see you here on Sunday, 21 November.

Acolytes

We are looking for a few interested folks who are between the ages of 10 and 18 (roughly) who would like to be an Acolyte. An Acolyte carries a candle lighter into the sanctuary at the beginning of the service, lights a couple of candles, and then proceeds to join the congregation for worship. At the end of the service, an Acolyte comes and re-lights the lighter, snuffs the candles, and recesses with the pastor after the benediction. If you are interested in helping us "Fire it up", then let Matt know, and we'll do an after church, 15 minute Acolyte training, and you'll be ready to go.

Confirmation Class

Calling all Potential Confirmands. We are going to start a Confirmation class shortly after the turn of the new year. If you are interested, talk to Matt.

Calling all Members. We need a handful of you to join along with us as confirmation partners. You will be teamed up with a confirmand, and will join in the journey toward their membership. Come participate in the life of the church, and in the life of a confirmand. I promise you this, you will much more out of this experience than you will put into it.

Christian Education & Development By Melanie Linder

We are most thankful to our new Sunday School teachers Cynthia Correa, Amanda Helmsstetter and Sandra Murray. Amanda is teaching the preschool class (3&4 year olds), Cynthia is teaching the elementary class (K-5th), and Sandra is teaching the middle school class (6th-8th). Marc Karasek continues to teach the high school students. If you feel called to help with one of these classes, please see either the teacher or a member of the Christian Education & Development committee.

We want to give our thanks to Charlotte Pekelder for her many years of service in the church nursery. Charlotte has left to pursue other opportunities that will benefit her family. Since Charlotte is no longer with us, we now have one adult short in the nursery. We would like to encourage all school-age children (beginning with Kindergarten) to remain upstairs and worship with their families. Please see Linda Smith if you would like to add your name to the nursery list to help fill the opening left with Charlotte's departure. Again, we wish Charlotte and her family all the best!

Witness & Evangelism By Sandra Murray

NCM / Barnes & Noble Charity Book Fair – The Norcross Co-Op is having its 2nd Annual Charity Book Fair in conjunction with Barnes & Noble at the Forum. The Norcross Co-Op receives a portion of the evenings qualifying sales (non-café items). NCM uses the funds raised during this event to support its ESOL and School Supply Drive programs for the coming year. Please ask Sandra, Rodney or Diane for a book fair voucher or visit the Witness & Evangelism bulletin board in the hallway. There are a few vouchers in a "Take Me" folder on the bulletin board. Vouchers will also be available during the Mission Fair on Sunday night, September 26th. Barnes & Noble has been very generous this year by allowing us to count sales made during a whole week rather than just one evening. So, please take your book fair voucher and shop at Barnes & Noble anytime from Sunday, October 31st through Saturday evening, November 6th. Take voucher home to share with friends, family, neighbors and co-workers. We'd love to have a huge turnout for this event. Please help us spread the word and the vouchers. This is a great opportunity to buy holiday gifts and pick up your own books and music and help one of our primary charities in Norcross. NCM will have a booth and will sponsor guest readers on Saturday evening, November 6th from 6:30PM until 8PM. Stop by that evening if you can to meet the staff and volunteers of NCM and to hear special people share beautiful stories from the stage in the Children's Department of the store.

Simon Evening of Giving – The Norcross Cooperative Ministry invites you to participate in the Simon Evening of Giving. The event is an exclusive by ticket only shopping event at the Mall of Georgia on Sunday evening, November 21, 2004 from 6:30PM until 9PM. The Mall will close at its normal time and re-open for ticket holders only at 6:30PM. The food court merchants will be open. The stores will run special sales and discounts during this event.

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Witness & Evangelism
By Sandra Murray

– Please visit the Witness & Evangelism bulletin board in the hallway. There are flyers in a “Take Me” folder that outlines the toy and gift items most needed to help the Norcross Co-Op provide Christmas gifts to over 3,000 children. If you’d like more information on the NCM Holiday Assistance Program at NCM please ask any of the NPC Youth or any member of the Witness & Evangelism Committee.

Norcross Cooperative Ministry – NCM needs volunteers to serve the more than 1,000 families who visit the Co-Op each month. If you have any time available during weekdays, please contact Shirley Cabe at the Norcross Co-Op. She’d love to give you a tour of the facility, answer any questions that you might have, and sign you up for training alongside a seasoned volunteer. She especially needs help on Wednesdays from 9:30AM until 3:00PM. You may work 2 or 4 hour or more blocks of time. Working at NCM is a wonderful opportunity to re-invest time in the community. Please consider serving the community in this way. Thank you.

The Witness and Evangelism Committee is pleased to congratulate the following church members on being elected and approved to serve as the Norcross Presbyterian Church’s delegates to the Norcross Cooperative Ministry’s Board of Directors. Van Badeaux will serve as NPC’s primary delegate. Diane Lewis will serve as the alternate delegate.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ALL YOUTH MUSIC
Sunday ACTIVITIES
Hand bells 4:00
Choir 5:00
Dinner 6:00
Program 6:30—8:00

Presbyterian Women
By
Carol MacGregor

Be a Presbyterian Woman this year!
Plan to join us for the *Horizons* Bible Study and other program we support. Be sure to check the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the church hallway to keep up to date on events of interest to women of the Presbyterian churches.

“When You Loved the Least of These” is the theme of a Tri Presbytery Mission Conference to be held on Saturday, November 6 at Shallowford Presbyterian Church, Atlanta. Worship, a Keynote address “Mobilizing the Church for Mission”, Workshops, Luncheon and an International Market Place and Bookstore are included in the day’s offering. Child care is available. Flyers with complete details and registration information are posted on the Presbytery Bulletin Board in the narthex.

Bible Study using *Horizons* 2004-2005 Study entitled “What She Said” will begin in October. All women are invited to join this opportunity to look in depth at the actual quotable words by women in the Old and New Testaments. Fill out one of the questionnaires posted on the PW bulletin board to help us reach a consensus on meeting days and times. Telephone Carol MacGregor if you have any questions about the study.

Musical Notes
By
Jeremy Wirths



CELEBRATING
October
BIRTHDAYS

The choirs are off to a great start this year! The adult and youth choirs are singing beautifully. The praise kids are singing and acting and playing with loads of enthusiasm. We have started the year with two handbell choirs, both of which are preparing inspiring music for the fall and Advent/Christmas seasons.

We could still use a few more singers and ringers! The choirs are all going well, but could use a few folks to fill out the ranks. In the adult choir we could really use a few more basses and tenors. The basses and tenors in the choir do a great job, but are overbalanced by the greater numbers of sopranos and altos. We also need about two youth and two adult handbell ringers. If you have ever thought about singing or ringing now is a great time.

If you would like to sing or ring but have doubts about your own ability or time-commitment-ability, call me. I will be honest with you, and try to help where I can. Even if you are only able to make a small commitment of time, I can plug you in to some key weeks where we really need some help.

Jeremy

3	Lindsay Badeaux
3	Tom Birmingham
3	Joseph Crymes
5	Cassie Smith
6	Amber Choukri
13	Adam Choukri
13	Brianna Freeman
17	B.J. Steele
19	Matthew Helmstetter
19	Jan Putnam
24	Maryann Peterson
26	Skip Putnam
26	Betsy Hixson
27	Sandra Murray
29	Craig Harris

Newsletter Articles

News articles may be submitted to the church office prior to October 24 for publication in the November **CrossWord**. Calendar updates will be made on the website as they are provided.

October 2004

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 9:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Set up Day
3 9:15 SS 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Adult Bells 4:00—Youth Bells 5:00—Youth Choir 6:30—Youth Group	4 7:00 Boy Scouts	5 7:00 District Commissioners	6 Wednesday Night Dinner 6:00—Youth Norcross Coop Ministry 7:30—Chancel choir	7	8 No Preschool	9 9:00 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Decorating Day
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