



The Varnell Voice 2011
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Celebrate With Our Children

World Communion Sunday & Children's Sabbath

Sunday, October 2, 2011

The first Sunday in October will be a special day in the life of Varnell United Methodist Church. As a body of believers in Christ, we will honor **World Communion Sunday** and **Children's Sabbath**.

The theme for this year's **Children's Sabbath** is "*Justice, Justice Shall You Pursue: Answering God's Call to Protect Children.*" Our children will be featured throughout the service with the younger children regaling us with handbells, and the older children singing. Our Preschool and Children's Ministry will be spotlighted as well.

Not only will the children sing and play the hand bells, they will serve as ushers, greeting friends and guests alike in the name of Jesus. At the conclusion of the service, the children will serve Holy Communion.

We will celebrate **World Communion Sunday**, which is one of the six church-wide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church. World Communion Sunday provides scholarships for U.S. racial- and ethnic-minority students and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Varnell United Methodist Church supports World Communion Sunday financially through our church budget.

So invite your friends and neighbors or a recent acquaintance to church. Invite your grandchildren, nieces and nephews. It will be a heart-warming service for all who attend. You don't want to miss it!



Children's Ministry: A Full Harvest of events in October and November.

October 22 - Mom and Daughter Pajama Day - Come join us from 10-12 as we eat breakfast, watch a *VeggieTale* movie and do fun girly things like manis/pedis!

October 30 – Varnell UMC "Trunk or Treat" at 6 p.m. Bring the whole family. Everyone will park their cars around the front yard of the church in a circle. Decorate your trunks for Halloween, and bring plenty of yummy candy for the kids, young and old. (This is a big community event for children in this area, so don't forget to bring a lot of candy.) Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided at 6 p.m. Kids will trick-or-treat at each "trunk" around the yard of the church.

November - HARVEST Festival with Pleasant Grove UMC - The plans are in the works for a Saturday afternoon full of music, hayrides, games and campfires. More details to come!

Please tell a friend, a neighbor or family member about all the "**Treemendous**" activities going on at The Kid Spot.

DON'T FORGET – Each week we have AWESOME Wednesday night activities from 6:30-8 p.m. and LOTS OF FUN Sunday mornings @ 10:45.

Hope you are as excited as I am about all that is "FALLEN" into place at The Kid Spot. Any questions or suggestions please let me know! Thanks, Ashley (706-581-2199)

Come join us @ **The Kid Spot** as we *fall* in love with Jesus!!

Hi everyone, it's Ashley. It's fall ya'll, and I don't know about you, but I am so excited about the changes that are happening around us! Not just in nature, but right here at Varnell UMC's "The Kid Spot."

Here's what's in store for the new season:

First and foremost, Kids Choir and handbells are back! Come join us as we rejoice in the Lord!! We meet the 2nd and last Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7 p.m.

Christmas Play will be performed December 4th during the 10:45 service. Rehearsal for that will start the 2nd week in October.



Smoky Mountain Adventure for Youth Saturday, November 12, 2011 – *Dollywood*

Saturday, November 12, 2011, the Youth will be saddling up and heading to *Dollywood* in the Great Smoky Mountains for the day. *Dollywood* will be a "Mighty Fine Shin Dig" of a time. There have been announcements made in *The Factory* about how we will be paying for it and the plans for the day. So, if you're a part of *The Factory*, come join us, along with all the leaders.

Wednesday Night Suppers

We are having great success with our Wednesday Night Suppers as well as with our Wednesday night children, youth and adult programs. More than 100 people are enjoying the awesome food catered by Oakwood Café.

The suppers are being offered at a reduced price to make the meals more affordable for families and individuals. The church is subsidizing the actual cost of the meals every week.

In order to continue to offer the suppers at a reduced price, we will need additional contributions. If you would like to contribute to Wednesday Night Suppers, please make your check out to Varnell United Methodist Church and on the memo line write: Wednesday Night Suppers Account #3630.

Youth "Creating" In **THE FACTORY**

Well, hello everybody, can you believe it is Fall? Woo crazy right? Just want to let you guys know what we have planned for October and November in **THE FACTORY**.

But, before I do that I want to update you on a few new things: We started Small Groups with Andrea Woodason, Daphne Henderson, Kenny Sheppard, and Michael Hicks as the leaders. The students have loved it, as well, as their leaders. We did a September series called "Courage" by Francis Chan, which was powerful and life changing. The band has been rocking and we've been having a blast.

Now onto what we've got planned for October and November. Be prepared, because we are going to be transformed with our "Transformers" series starting the first week of October. It's gonna rock your world! After this we will be doing a few "one-nighters" led by me; leading into November we are planning on another series that will bring us right up to Thanksgiving, so you totally want to be here for that. We have been having a RAD time in **THE FACTORY** and we are looking forward to what the Lord has up His sleeve for the coming months and New Year. LIFE CHANGE IS HAPPENING! So, come join us in **THE FACTORY** on Sundays at 5 p.m. and Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. Keep the Faith. - Kurt (*Kool Beans Youth Dude*)



Youth enjoy the fellowship of small group discussion in **THE FACTORY on Wednesday Nights.**

VUMC Fall Season – *GET READY!*

October & November Schedule of Events

October Calendar Highlights



- Sunday, October 2 – World Communion Sunday & Children’s Sabbath (see page 1 of this newsletter)
- Sunday, October 2 – Women’s Fellowship & Prayer Time begins (see this page of the newsletter)
- Sunday, October 2 –9 Family Promise Hosting Week
- Sunday, October 2 – Disciple I begins
- Friday, October 7 -10 – Preschool Fall Break
- Monday, October 10 – Worship Committee
- Wednesday, October 12 – Flu Shots Here at VUMC (see this page the newsletter)
- Sunday, October 16 – Kids Choir Practice
- Sunday, October 16 – Adult Choir - Christmas
- Sunday, October 16 – Nominations & Lay Leadership Team
- Sunday, October 23 – Adult Choir - Christmas
- Monday, October 24 – Administrative Council
- Wednesday, October 26 – Kids Choir Practice
- Thursday, October 27 – USDA Delivery in Gym

November Calendar Highlights

- ❖ Sunday, November 6 – Adult Choir - Christmas
- ❖ Wednesday, November 9 – Kids Choir Practice
- ❖ Saturday, November 12 – Youth Travel to Dollywood
- ❖ Sunday, November 13 – Kids Choir Practice
- ❖ Sunday, November 13 – Adult Choir - Christmas
- ❖ Monday, November 14 – Varnell UMC Charge Conference & Administrative Council Meeting
- ❖ Sunday, November 20 – Turkey Trot Dinner & Commitment Sunday
- ❖ Sunday, November 20 – Hanging of the Green
- ❖ Wednesday, November 23 – Kids Choir Practice
- ❖ November 21 – 25 Preschool Thanksgiving Holiday
- ❖ Wednesday, November 23 – VUMC church office closes at noon.
- ❖ November 24 – 25 – VUMC church office closed for holiday.
- ❖ Thursday, November 24 - Happy Turkey Day! Thank GOD for your blessings! Spend time with family & friends.



Turkey Trot & Hanging of the Green

There are two special holiday traditions coming up in the life of Varnell United Methodist Church you don’t want to miss:

Turkey Trot is VUMC’s Thanksgiving luncheon immediately following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service November 20. Varnell UMC will come together as one body and as the Family of Christ to share a celebration meal together.

After Turkey Trot, everyone is needed to help decorate the church for the Season of Advent. Later that evening, **Hanging of the Green** will feature VUMC soloists and musicians. Families and individuals will help adorn the church for the upcoming Advent Season during these special performances. Children will sing and hang ornaments. The Chrismon tree and windows will be decorated.

Get ready to be blessed. Invite a friend or neighbor to experience the Season in a special way and Meet the One who Saved us All that wonderful night in Bethlehem – Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

Shoo Away The Flu!

Varnell UMC will be offering flu shots for all persons 9 years or older Wednesday, October 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the library (Room #206) on the main floor. Susan Chiddister, a VUMC member and a registered nurse with the Whitfield County Health Department will be administering the vaccinations.

The cost is \$20.00, or it is covered by State Cigna, United Health Care, most Medicare programs and 50% for Shaw Cigna. You will need to supply a copy of your insurance card(s). Only checks made out to the Health Department or cash will be accepted. For questions, call the church office 706.694.8023.



Women’s Fellowship & Prayer Time

Needing some girl time fellowship and prayer support?

Join Annette Mansell Sunday afternoon October 2 at 4 p.m. in the new Prayer Room (Room #109 downstairs on lower level) for a time of refreshing and blessing.

This list doesn’t include other activities such as: **ALIVE** worship service on Wednesdays, Wednesday Night Suppers, All Wednesday Night Activities (Kids Klub, Youth Activities, Adult Choir Rehearsal), Bibles & Basketball on Monday nights, Men’s Bible Study, Ladies Bible Study, Stephen Ministry training...do I need to go on? A lot is happening, so don’t miss it. Check out the Vault, Bulletin, Nugget News, Facebook and Varnell website – www.varnellumc.org.

Six New Stephen Minister Trainees Begin Their Journey



The Stephen Minister trainees learn about caring and ministering to others with 50 hours of training. In the picture from left to right: Tammy Watson, Maria Rochelle, Rev. Stephen Streett, Jerry Grant, Kurt Baron and Rick Johnson.

A new class of Stephen Ministers began meeting at the home of Jerry and Donna Grant September 13. These new Stephen Ministers will meet for 2½ hours Tuesday evenings until February 2012, which equals to 50 hours of training. Although the commitment is great the fellowship and blessings are even greater.

Our Stephen Minister trainees share these thoughts; **Maria Rochelle:** "I am thankful that God is the Cure giver." **Rick Johnson:** "I have always been in the financial and administrative side of ministry. I felt called out of my comfort zone to serve in Stephen Ministry." **Tammy Watson:** "Life changes are sometimes difficult and it helps to have someone who has been there or is just willing to listen and help you get through it." Please pray for our Stephen Minister trainees as they study and prepare to serve those who are hurting.



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