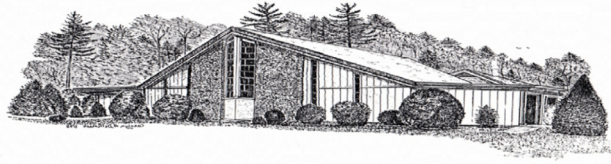


THE PINECREST



PRECENTOR

OCTOBER 2017

From Our Senior Pastor -

Dear Pinecrest Family,

It's fun to celebrate! It's great to be able to come together with friends and family to celebrate what has happened or been accomplished.

My family had a wonderful time celebrating my parents' 50th anniversary in June and it was great to get to share pictures and memories with you at our September covered dish. As we look to October we also have many more things to celebrate. On October 4th, we get to celebrate Operation Christmas Child and what God has done through this ministry in previous years and will continue to do this year. On October 11th, we get to celebrate the ARP denomination's missionaries through the Jubilee Birthday Party and a presentation by Josh & Vonja Thomas. On October 31st, we get to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It will be 500 years to the day when Martin Luther posted his 95 theses on the door of City Church Wittenburg which led to great change in the church and in the world. We'll even have my father, Dr. John Carson, speak about the significance of this event at our November covered dish.

Also, let us not forget that we have other reasons to celebrate in October. Each Sunday is a celebration of Christ's resurrection and his victory over sin and death. Our champion, our savior Jesus Christ was victorious and we get to celebrate with him every week, every day, and for all of eternity.

I hope you enjoy celebrating, because we have a lot to celebrate, and the celebration is just getting started!

Rhett Carson

Intercessory Prayer

Andrew Brunson
Clark and Anna Wilson
Eileen Thomas
Hurricane Recovery
Bob Paden



Life Chain

On October 1st, stand as a part of a silent prayer chain along city streets united with thousands of people throughout the US and Canada. Holding messages for life, you'll be a light in a darkened world as you pray for people to understand that abortion ends a life. The Hendersonville location is on US 25 (Asheville Highway) at the entrance to Patton Park at Clairmont Street from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm.

Middle School Retreat at Bonclarken

October 27-29

Please call the church office for more information.

828-692-0063

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Ministry has begun. Instructional material is available in the foyer of the church along with shoeboxes for those who may need them. Pinecrest goal this year is 100 boxes. Collection Sunday will be November 12, 2017.

For October 4th's **First Wednesday Night Dinner** and Covered Dish there will be a special Operation Christmas Child presentation with special guest speaker, Denise Gravely of Pisgah Forrest. Denise traveled to Rwanda with 50 other volunteers and hand delivered shoebox gifts to children in Rwanda. Mark your calendars for a blessing.

—Dottie Kent, OCC Director.

All Ladies of Pinecrest...

Please join us for our one and only gathering for 2017 on Saturday, September 23rd. We'll start at 10:30 am in Evans Hall.

A brunch buffet will be served about 11:15 am followed by our speaker, Elinor Griffin, from ONA (Outreach North America). She is the new Refugee Coordinator and she will share with us our denomination's work with refugees from near and far.

Please let us know if you plan to attend by signing up on the sheet in the atrium.



Jubilee Birthday Celebration

On October 11th, Pinecrest will have a special celebration commemorating the Lord's Great Commission to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." With His words to Mary on Easter morning, "Go tell", the Lord made a woman the first he commissioned to carry His word into the world. The women of the church have stood by this declaration, supporting the missionary efforts with their prayers and tears and toil. At the 1925 Synodical Union meeting, Mrs. Brice of Chester, S.C., proposed the establishment of the Jubilee Birthday Fund to commemorate the 50th anniversary or "Golden Jubilee" of sending out the first ARP foreign missionary in 1875. Periodically, the WSU designates a new missionary Birthday Lady. Over the last several years Pinecrest has had the honor of getting to know many of these birthday ladies such as Jerri Lotze, Pam Brunson, Judi Hodges, Nanette Howard, Shelia Osborne, and Rebekah Carson. Please join us as we honor these servants of the Lord by faithfully praying for them as well as faithfully raising the support they need as they uniquely represent the women of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in taking the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. We'll have BBQ, birthday cake and ice cream plus a presentation by Josh & Vonja Thomas who are missionaries to Turkey. Please let us know if you can attend by signing up on the sheet in the atrium.

Pinecrest Calendar & Recurring Events

Sundays

8:30 am	Early Morning Worship
9:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:55 am	Worship Service/Children's Church
12:00 pm	Coffee Hour

Weekly Meetings & Events

Monday	4:00 pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday	2:30 pm	Sonshine Small Group-every other week
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Meeting - 1st & 3rd
	6:00 pm	Evening Worship
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	12:00 pm	Sunday Bulletin Deadline
Saturday	9:00 am	Men's Prayer Group

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	2 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	3	4 11:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm 1st Wednesday Night Dinner and Program 7:00 pm Choir Practice	5	6	7 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
8 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	9 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	10 12:30 pm Circle 2—Library 2:30 Sonshine Group 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	11 1:00 pm Circle 3—Library 6:00 pm Jubilee Birthday Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice	12	13	14 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
15 8:30 am Early Worship 9:30 am Bible Study 10:55 am Worship 12:00 pm Coffee Hour	16 4:00 pm Handbell Practice	17 1:00 pm Circle 4—CV 6:00 pm Session Mtg. 7:00 pm Circle 5—	18 6:00 pm Evening Services 7:00 pm Choir Practice	19	20	21 9:00 am Men's Prayer Group
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Circle News

Circle 2 ~ 6 members were present. Next meeting will be on October 10th at 12:30 pm in the church library.

Circle 3~ 7 members were present. Johanna Rees and Kathy Grace are new members. Next meeting will be on October 17th at 1:15 pm in the church library.

Circle 4~ Did not meet in September.

Circle 5~ No Report

October Birthdays

1 Ken De Zwaan	20 Stella Blevins
2 Susan Jones	Melody Heltman
3 Dee Barker	21 Christy Swift
Noelle Swift	22 Sharon Morton
5 Emily Jane Carson	23 Margaret Fenner
6 Martha Byrd	25 Grayson Harper
11 Kathy Guerard	Bailey Whitehurst
Kim Shelton	27 Jim Hart
Wanda Valentine	29 Bill Warner
13 Xan Hicks	31 Linda Carpenter
Don Muller	If your name or family members name is missing and you'd like to have it included in future publications , please call the church office at 828-692-0063.
15 Joy McCraw	
19 Linda Huntsinger	
Sharon Mezger	

BEAUTIFICATION TEAM UPDATE

I appreciated the comments made by Pastor Carson concerning the Beautification Team on Sunday, September 10th. His comments dovetailed well with my intention to give the Congregation an update of our efforts since the Spring of 2015 to address the landscaping primarily around the circumference of the church. I have long felt that it is important to keep the congregation informed to get their support and possibly their involvement in what we do. Additionally, Pinecrest has new members who I feel could benefit from the knowledge of what was and what IS today. Many feel that you need to have a "green thumb" to be active in our efforts. While that is beneficial, involvement in this effort should be thought of as another way of giving back to Pinecrest. YES, I know that we tend to get our hands dirty in the process, but in reality it is "our hearts" that really matter.

Historically, since Pinecrest's beginnings, there have been a number of members who a few here probably still recall. Those few became the mainstay in the maintenance of the grounds surrounding Pinecrest. They took responsibility for the cutting of the grass, planting, re-planting and pruning of shrubs and general care of the grounds. Their efforts were endless and Pinecrest always appreciated them and what they did. However, times change and so do people. Some moved away, others just became too hampered by health issues to continue to participate as in the past, but the plantings continued to grow as they always do.

SO, in 2015, Pinecrest had landscaping that was a product of necessity and a challenge.

It had been planted many years prior having been moved from the inside of the open Atrium to the outside. In assessing, we had many shrubs that had outlived their "manageable" life. Therefore, some of these shrubs needed to be removed and replaced with shrubs that, in the short and long term, were more manageable and appealing. Think back 2 + years; do you even recall all of the large shrubs that surrounded the building??? For the most part they are gone! However, as Fred Elgin frequently reminds me, and he is 100% correct, Pinecrest is probably the only church in Hendersonville/Flat Rock area that is bordered on all sides by some form of shrubbery while most others are bordered by sidewalks or parking areas with minimal need for plantings. Presents a clear challenge!!!!

In early May 2015, we removed almost 50 shrubs from the North side of the building. Concurrently with Session support, we established a **Landscaping Fund** which would be used to procure the new shrubs and fund our effort solely through congregation donations. Shortly thereafter, we replanted that area (the North side) with smaller shrubs that could be more easily maintained. We also added the Japanese Cut leaf maple now located to the right of the north entrance door which was gifted by a generous friend of Pinecrest. Our intention at that time was to work our way around the building

through a multi-phased **self help** plan. We also formed a **Beautification Team**, a group of volunteers who would largely take responsibility for the maintenance of the new shrubbery since the grass and some shrubs were maintained under contract.

In the Fall of 2015, we removed another 20 shrubs from the South side of the building in anticipation of future planting with some smaller shrubs. We mulched the areas again in the Spring of 2016 and in late May 2016 removed another 12 shrubs from the South and the East end of the building. 2016 was a dry summer which led us to form a group of watering teams to ensure that as the dry summer persisted we did not lose any of the newly planted shrubs. The year ended with success of not losing a shrub and presenting a landscape and source of pride that was recognized by visitors to Pinecrest from the First Presbytery.

There were still some things to be done...Fortunately 2017 supplied us plenty of water so the need for an in-house watering effort was largely not required. However, as a group of us mulched the entire grounds on September 7th, Bob Eckley and his son, Rhett, with equipment, removed another 4 large shrubs from the south side of the building. Thank you Bob and Rhett.

Throughout all of this there are some members who need to be recognized as they have always been there to offer their hands and help in notable ways. For the last two years, both Fred and Katherine Elgin have taken sole responsibility for care and maintenance of the Memorial Garden and generously provided, planted and maintained the begonias in the planter in front of the church. Aside from being a deacon, Fred has always been there to assist with our work efforts. While not a formal member of the Beautification Team, many of the things that we have done since 2015 would not be possible without the assistance of Marris Byrd who has always met our challenges. A special thanks to Paul and Mike Rector who have always helped when asked to do *whatever* in the furtherance of our landscaping efforts. Team members Dennis Dodd, Mike McCall, and Mike Hicks have always been supportive of the efforts when time and availability permitted. Over time, Sue Brogi, Kim Myslik, and Kim and Josh Shelton have been great help when general clean up and less manual intensive efforts required.

In the future, one of the biggest challenges will be the health challenges and increased age for several of us and therefore the need for "new blood" to meet some of the challenges. SO, I would be remiss if I did not make a **plea for additional folks to join the Pinecrest BEAUTIFICATION TEAM. Anyone wishing to join, please contact Bob Brogi at 828-483-4574.**

THANKS FOR YOUR CARING AND SUPPORT.

—Bob Brogi

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Food & Clothing Focus for October, November & December

Food Pantry Needs: October –Canned Pasta, Cereal, Powdered Milk, Bread, Tea, and Coffee.

November & December—Hams, Turkey Breasts, Chickens, Peas, Green Beans, Yams, Potatoes, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Pie Crusts & Fillings, and Cake Mixes.

Clothing Closet Needs: The clothing closet distributes blankets, quilts, sleeping bags, warm clothing, coats, jackets, hats, gloves, heavy socks, and boots during the winter. As the seasons change, please consider donating these much needed items so they will be available as the temperatures drop. We are also in great need of clothing for teenage boys, sizes 14-16, and men's clothing in small through extra large sizes.