

# THE ENVOY

*...telling the news of Blue Ridge Church*

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## **Coming up in worship .....**

Ken's message this Sunday is *They Took No Notice!* The World hears the "Call to Discipleship", but at times even the invited guests ignore the invitation. So it often is with the cry of the needy. We hear their cry but fail to respond. Scripture will be Matthew 22:1-10

## **Crop Walk for Hunger this Sunday**

Have you ever been hungry — **REALLY HUNGRY?** Imagine living with that feeling day-after-day, knowing there's little or no food available to relieve it or the life-threatening health problems it causes. That's the reality that drives the annual Crop Walk for Hunger. This year's walk will begin at 1:30 Sunday, October 9, at Loose Park. You must be pre-registered to walk. Call the church office or Sue Klotz at 229-6099 to register. If you would like to make a donation and support the team, just mark it "Crop Walk".

## **Harvest Festival is this Friday, October 7**

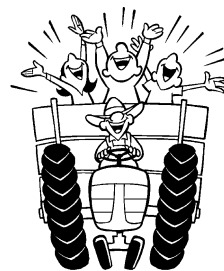
This Friday is what most of us have been waiting another year for — Harvest Festival! Our United Methodist Women sponsor this annual event. Doors will open at 10:00 a.m. to a Fellowship Hall filled with vendors on hand with a wide range of items for sale. They will have their tables set up until 7:00 p.m.

If you plan it just right, you can enjoy lunch while you're here. Lunch will be served from 11:00-2:00. It will be chili dogs or hot dogs, chips, soda pop and water.

But the real treat is the Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. You must have purchased your ticket in advance in order to come and enjoy the dinner being served from 4:30-6:30. You're welcome to call the church office when you receive your newsletter to check if there are tickets available for the Turkey Dinner, if you have not gotten one yet. No guarantees — but, if there are any unsold tickets you can purchase what's left, \$8.00 for an adult ticket or \$5.00 for children under 12.

## **Jump on the hay wagon Saturday evening!**

The sixth annual "Hayride & Bonfire" will be this Saturday, October 8, from 5:00-9:00. Hot dogs, drinks and paper products are provided. Each family should bring their own lawn chairs and a dish to share. A free-will offering will be accepted.



**JOIN US FOR A  
HAYRIDE**

Our Growing in Faith Together (G.I.F.T.) group is sponsoring this fun, fall event at 4321 Pittman Rd. Please let Deborah DeMoss know by Friday if you plan on coming. She can be reached at 358-4321 or [kennedydemoss@yahoo.com](mailto:kennedydemoss@yahoo.com).

## *Making the most.....*

I am always amazed at how many projects in ministry are happening around here at any given time. Many great things for God are taking place. The special projects, such as our Celebration Sunday, required great investment and a lot of energy. Still, they are completed with great success by many people who are often behind the scenes and out of the limelight. In Philippians 1:5—6 we find the promise of hope that says “.....he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Our ministry is called to a mighty outlook: to continue a “good work” as we build relationships with God and others. The promise made to the Philippians is made to us today: God will carry us through. May we truly commit the work of Blue Ridge Church to the Lord and experience God’s commitment to us as God carries it on to completion! And, may we always make the most as we live by faith.

...Russell Smith

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### **Flu shots will be given October 30**

Flu shots will be available this year in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 30 between 9:00-12:30. Shots this year will cost \$22. Pneumonia and tetanus vaccinations are available for \$40 and \$30 respectively. Participating Medicare B insurance will be accepted for both flu and pneumonia vaccinations. So, mark your calendar if you are one who normally gets a yearly flu vaccination.

## **New women’s group begins this month**

Sisters in Spirit begins Wednesday, October 19, from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. **All** women are invited. Child care and a children’ s program will be offered. If you have questions or comments, please contact Carla Smith at 353-2484. We do hope you can join us on the 19th!

## **Did you miss Celebration Sunday?**

*Were you here and want to experience it again?*

A VHS tape of the 9:30 and 11:00 services on *Celebration Sunday* is available for viewing or ordering your own copy. The tape is available in the church office and may be checked out for a couple of days.

If you would like your own copy, we are asking for \$1 to cover the cost of the tape.

We thank Brad Teachman for videoing the services and making this available.

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## **From October Youth Newsletter:**

### *Parent Info Calendar*

- October 2, 16 & 23 ..... regular schedule  
October 9 ..... Crop Walk  
3:30-4:00 Mid High Bells  
4:00-5:00 Choir  
5:00-6:30 Destination Unknown  
October 30  
3:30-4:00 Mid High Bells  
4:00-5:00 Choir  
5:00-6:30 Trick or Treat So Others Can Eat

### *Looking ahead:*

- November 6 ..... Mid High Bells/Choir s/ring  
December 18 ..... Senior High Bells/Choir/Orchestra  
February 17-18-19 ..... Youth Musical Weekend
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## Coming Next Week...

### Sunday, October 9

Worship Times: 8:15, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School Classes: 9:30 or 10:45

- Amish Friendship Bread Table in entry area at south end
- Orders for nuts can be placed with UMW, entry area
- 10:30 a.m., Angel Choir, Room 112
- 10:40-11:00 a.m., Communion in Chapel
- Food for reStart needs to be in kitchen by noon
- Crop Walk at Loose Park
- 4:30 p.m., Adult Work Camp, Room 221

### Monday, October 10

- 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Break Time Club, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m., Cub Scouts, Hobbs Hall

### Tuesday, October 11

- 6:30 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 p.m., Education Committee Meeting, Room 221

### Wednesday, October 12

- 10:00 a.m., UMW Unit Meeting
- 5:30 p.m., *Kids-on-a-Mission*
- 6:30 p.m., Chancel Bells
- 7:00 p.m., Men's Ensemble
- 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir

### Thursday, October 13

- 6:30 p.m., Alpha

## Youth Information:



### Sunday, October 9

- 9:30 a.m., Mid High Sunday School, meet in Sanctuary, then go to class
- 10:30 a.m., *The Last Cup* Coffee House
- 11:00 a.m., Senior High Sunday School
- 3:30 p.m., Mid High Bells
- 4:00 p.m., Mid High Youth
- 5:00 p.m., Combined Choir
- 5:45 p.m., Worship/Snack Supper
- 6:45 p.m., Senior High Youth
- 7:45-8:15 p.m., Senior High Bells

## What a day "A Great Day of Singing" will be!

The surveys are in!! Thirty-three people turned in their "favorite hymn" surveys, listing 100 favorite hymns or praise choruses. Sixty-four hymns were listed once, 20 were listed twice and six three times. The top ten hymns, with four to ten votes each, will be sung in our Sunday services on October 16, "A Great Day of Singing." (However, the envelope is sealed and you'll need to attend to find out which ones were the winners!)

Based on the Gaither Homecoming videos, we will gather our choirs together for three identical services featuring the Chancel Choir, Men's Ensemble, Cornerstone, Kids-on-a-Mission, Angel Choir and soloists with a variety of exciting music. Pastor Ken will also give a message. Join us and invite friends or relatives who love to sing as we gather together to praise and worship as a church family. (The survey will be posted later on the church bulletin board for those interested.)

## Pray for our Teachers!

...Children's Division newsletter

Our church is very blessed to have loving and caring individuals who have answered the call to teach our children. Each of us, as teachers, feels an awesome responsibility to help the children of our congregation grow in faith.

Teaching certainly has its own rewards...smiling faces, lots of hugs and the relationships that form. However, teaching can also be challenging! Those Sunday mornings when half of your class had slumber parties the night before or sometimes when your lesson just doesn't click! The bottom line is OUR teachers need YOUR prayers! Please take time each week to lift up the following individuals who are selflessly giving their hearts and their time to our children: Amy Ford & Sheila Ford, Sherri & Samantha Woodward, Connie Turnipseed & Bernie Bixler, Eva Ponessa & Karen Johnson, Michele Shanahan & Pam Fells, Tammy Bartley & Katherine Geeding, Matthew Flanagan & Ted Hinrichs and Lisa Schwarzkopf.

I would like each of our teachers to also have a "special pal" – someone who not only prays for them specifically, but remembers them during special times of the year with a card or small token to show them they are doing God's work and are so very appreciated! Please call Tammy Bartley (455-6869) if you would like to become a "special pal"!

## ***Pastor's Corner:***

I do not even know where to begin thanking people for helping make *Celebration Sunday* a true Celebration. What a day it was for all of us and especially for the church. You took seriously the invitation to pray for and invite others to attend with you, and, as a result, we had over 600 in attendance to the worship services. We have been averaging around 380 the past few months at worship. Of those 600 in attendance over 100 were guests with many of them commenting that they would be returning. It all goes to prove once again how God will provide if we pray and work together.

I have teased how with Methodist Folks if you will feed them, they will come. I would say given the response to the tailgate party that the old adage came true. We had planned for about 300 plus to eat and we believe we might have fed over 400. Another one of those miracles — as I was at the end of the line and the food ran out as the end of the line passed through. It was not five loaves and two fishes and the feeding of 5000, but there was enough food for all that were hungry Sunday. It was a wonderful meal and thanks to all of you who helped in so many different ways to feed the multitudes.

The dancers, the musicians and all that played a role in hosting and serving others made this truly a Day of Celebration. Blue Ridge Church is about "Building Relationships" and Sunday we lived out this mission in a very special way. I hope it goes to prove to each and every one of us that we have an important part to play in the renewal of this church. September 25 was a Day of Celebration and thanks to all of you for doing your part to make it successful. Next Sunday we will gather again and provide worship and celebration and work on building those important relationships. I hope you will continue to pray for and invite others to attend. Sunday holds the potential for being as special in other ways for those attending with you.

...Ken Lutgen, Jr.

## ***Person to person:***

### **CHURCH FAMILY NEWS**

- As of October 3, no Blue Ridge member has been reported in an area hospital.
- Larry & Donnie Blair are the proud grandparents of Cooper & Mitchell Blair, sons of Scott & Leslie Blair.
- Thanks to everyone who made Celebration Sunday a huge success.
- 'Dick & Janice Knoll thank all who attended his recital on September 18. Special thanks to Linda, Hoot & John Mann for their beautiful music. An extra special thanks to those who baked cookies.'
- We received this thank-you note from Hilda Koelling: "I want to thank my church friends for the cards, telephone calls, prayers and visits at the time of my hospital stay."

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