

*"A man reaps what he sows."  
-Galatians 6:7b*

If you walk into my office, you'll see a bunch of tiny terra cotta pots. If you look closely at the terra cotta pots, you'll see tiny seedlings. The students are growing marigolds.

Over the last two weeks, we've been discussing Galatians 6: 7b, "A man reaps what he sows." In this high tech world, we often expect immediate results with everything we do. However, as advanced as we are, there are certain things that won't yield immediate results ... things like growing a plant.

In order for a plant to grow, you have to plant the seed in soil, you must water it, expose the seed to sunlight, and provide fertilizer when needed. The process of growing a plant requires time and work.

Our relationship with God is a lot like growing a plant. We should not expect immediate results. If we want a deep relationship with God, we've got to put in time and work. We've got to pray, read the Bible, and fellowship with believers.

The students have been discussing ways they can work on their relationship with God. They have been reflecting on what keeps them from spending time with God, and they have been exploring habits they can develop when it comes to spending time with God. I invite you to join their discussion - what keeps you from spending time with God? What habits are you developing when it comes to spending time with God?

Friends, you reap what you sow. If you sow tomatoes seeds, you'll get tomato plants. If you sow time with God, you'll get a relationship with God. So what are we sowing, friends?

Thank you for being you,

*Andrea*



*Events / News*



**This Sunday,  
the 8th,  
3pm, on the  
front lawn**

**Attention Sarah and Miriam Circles**  
We will have a joint meeting on Tuesday, October 17, at 6:30pm. We will meet in the Epworth Building classroom (3rd door down) next to the Children’s Sunday School classroom. Our guest will be Dr. Ann Melton, who is a retired public school superintendent and author of 16 books, two of which are “I Will Lift up my Eyes - the Power of Praise and Prayer” and "From Whence Cometh my Help - a Journey through Grief." Please join us for this exciting program and great time of fellowship.

We will express love, care, and concern for God’s creations - in particular, the animals. Bring your pets - **dogs, cats, ferrets, lizards, birds, fish, and even large livestock.** \*\* All animals must be accompanied by their owners and have a restraining device.



**NEXT Saturday, the 14th  
11am - 2pm**

Fun children’s activities, including a bouncy “monster truck,” music, dancers, the United Methodist Women’s bake sale ... and free hot dogs! It will be a FUN day, so we hope you’ll plan to come.



**Trunk or Treat - Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:00pm.** Bring your car/truck decorated (for ideas, google “trunk or treat”) for a fun evening! **Or you could bring your car early to the church and the youth (with Andrea’s supervision!) will decorate it.** We would love to have 10-15 cars to make a special family event for members and the community.  
**Please contact the office as soon as possible to let us know if you will be participating.**  
**\*\* We are asking for LOTS of donations of wrapped candy to give out.**  
**You can leave your candy in the basket by the front office.**



**Beginning Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will start our stewardship journey, “Extravagant Generosity.”** During our journey together, we will discover how giving helps us become what God wants us to be. In addition to our worship services, there is an opportunity to focus on our theme with a small group study during the Sunday School hour. If you would be interested in joining the small group study, contact the church office. Our “Response Sunday” will be November 12<sup>th</sup> followed by a Celebration Lunch in Asbury Hall.



## Announcements

### Calling all Dancers!

Children between 5-12 are invited to participate in a dance piece for the Christmas Madrigal Dinner. It will be choreographed and led by our own resident professional dancer, Margaret Kuhn. The Madrigal Dinner will be December 2 at 6 pm, and December 3 at 5 pm. Please contact Frankie Weinberger if you are interested in dancing.

### Opportunities for supporting our church

#### Narthex displays needed

Each month the narthex table is decorated to welcome all who enter our doors. Consider taking a month and creating a table display.

#### Bereavement team members

A reception or light lunch is offered to the families and friends of our passing members after memorial services. Teams are assigned certain months and prepare and serve at the reception.

**We encourage men and women  
to share in these meaningful church activities.  
For more information, call the church  
or contact Sally Smith.**

### Christmas Madrigal Music Rehearsals

Singers for the Christmas Madrigal Dinner will be rehearsing in October and November as follows:

- Wednesday, October 11 from 6 - 8 pm
- Wednesdays, October 18-November 15 from 6-7 pm

Rehearsals will take place in the choir room. Many of the songs are well-known Christmas carols in 4 parts, along with some lesser known carols and songs. It should be a joyful musical journey! If you'd like to participate and/or have questions, call Frankie.



*Have you gotten  
your box(es) yet?*

**Pre-wrapped, empty boxes,  
which include suggestions  
for gifts, are available  
in the hall by the Library.**

**Filled boxes  
need to be dropped off  
by Monday, Nov 13.**

### Thank You !

-- to everyone who helped unload the truck for our Pumpkin Patch — 2 HUGE bins, 1,501 bulk pumpkins, 16 boxes of gourds, small pumpkins and other items. It was a huge success! You were one of the hardest working crews I have ever seen! Adults, youth, cub scouts - you all contributed so much! And the first day of sales was also a huge success - \$702! Groce UMC rocks!

— Michelle Troxell, Pumpkin Patch Coordinator



### ***This 'n That***

#### ***From the Worship/Witness Ministry***

We would like to remind everyone to wear your name tag at church on a regular basis. This will really help to get to know one another and each other's names better! If you do not have a name tag, please contact the church office to request one.



#### ***From ABCCM***

ABCCM is currently well stocked with food. For now, we will only be donating food to the East Asheville Food Pantry (a list of needs is on front of the donation box). However, ABCCM is in great need of volunteers. They have lots of opportunities for service including crisis, homeless, medical, veteran services, and jail ministries. For more information, check out the ABCCM flyers posted on the bulletin boards.

#### ***Charge Conference***

Our annual Charge Conference will be **Thursday, November 2, at 7pm**. All members of the Church Council are also members of the Charge Conference and are expected to attend. Other interested members and friends of the church are invited and welcome to attend.



**If you are interested in being a part of this exciting event, please contact:**

Drama: Andrea or Ann Moore

Dancing (ages 5-12) Frankie (see article on Page 3)

Music Frankie (see article on Page 3)

Lighting/Staging Will Troxell

Dinner Maro Slaughter

Dates are Saturday, December 2 at 6pm and Sunday the 3rd at 5pm. The dinner and performance is a total of 2 hours.

