



# The Harmony Grit



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## **Big News from the Finance Committee**

The year was 1999. Harmony UMC members were ready to build an education wing onto our fellowship hall. We needed more classrooms, a larger kitchen, and more bathroom facilities. The only problem was: we didn't own any land past the back door of the church.

The year was 2001. Harmony UMC completed the purchase of the five acres of land surrounding the church. We now had a place to build an addition. A committee was appointed to plan and oversee the construction of a new education wing. Plans had to be drawn up by an architect. The proposal needed approval by the Danville District and the Pittsylvania County Building Inspector. The congregation had to approve the plans and finance package. A bank loan had to be acquired.

The year was 2004. All the planning and paperwork were completed in February. Digging began in March. The construction was completed in October of 2005. Our church then began paying on a 10-year, \$80,000 mortgage.

Fast forward to the Finance Committee meeting on January 26, 2009. Upon close inspection of the available funds, the Committee voted to pay off the mortgage ahead of schedule. Our Treasurer accomplished this task on January 28, 2009. That means that Harmony UMC was able to pay off the 10-year note in 40 months! This is a wonderful blessing for our church. Our God is Good, All the Time! The note, marked "Paid in Full", has not been received from the bank yet, so stay tuned for more information on when we will hold the big bonfire! Is now the time to start planning phase 2 of our building program??

## **Missions Committee Launches Local Help Ministry**

The Missions Committee of Harmony announced plans last November (on Missions Sunday) to start a Local Help Ministry for our community. It is the goal of this project to ease the burden of the truly needy in our area. An application form has been designed and is now available from committee members. After the form has been filled in and returned, committee members will visit the applicants, evaluate their needs, and provide as much support as possible. In addition to financial assistance, the committee will try to help the needy get in touch with other agencies that may be able to provide additional assistance. If you need help, or know of someone who does, contact Pastor Robert or one of the committee members (Chair Ronnie Gibson, members Marie Farris, Jim Finney, Kelly Gibson, Mark Gibson, Judy Griffith, Lee Hardy and Woodie Hardy).

In addition to the Local Help Ministry, Harmony is also supporting three other local Mission Projects. God's Pit Crew has provided crisis relief to thousands of individuals and families since its founding in 1999. The group has just acquired a warehouse in Danville to store their equipment and donated supplies and materials. You can learn more at their web site -- <http://www.thegodspitcrew.org>.

Our third project is Habitat for Humanity. The Danville/Pittsylvania Cluster of the United Methodist Church is sponsoring a Habitat House to be built in Pittsylvania County in 2009. They are asking for monetary and volunteer support in completing the house. Harmony is proud to be "on-board" with this endeavor. You can visit their web site at <http://www.habitat.org/cd/local/affiliate.aspx>.

Harmony is also supporting the work of the Danville Little Life Chapter. The chapter provides a variety of types of counseling and the services to local women. Their web site is <http://littlifelifepmc.org>.

## Back Page Bits

Friday, Feb. 6 @ 7 PM  
Wednesday, Feb. 11 @ 7 PM  
Wednesday, Feb. 18 @ 7 PM  
Wednesday, Feb. 25 @ 7 PM

First Friday Movie Night  
Ladies Fellowship Meeting  
Worship Committee Meeting  
Ash Wednesday Service

These events are in addition to the regular 7 PM Kids for Christ meetings and the 7 PM Bible Study on Sunday nights and the 7 PM meal and 7:30 PM Contemporary Worship Service on Thursday nights.

February Birthdays : 1<sup>st</sup> Millie Abbott      2<sup>nd</sup> Myrna Gibson      9<sup>th</sup> Brandon Hubbard  
& Faye Smith      11<sup>th</sup> Nathan Jones      16<sup>th</sup> Tony Mosteller      22<sup>nd</sup> Noel Salmons  
24<sup>th</sup> John Finney      25<sup>th</sup> Michelle Cass      28<sup>th</sup> Kurt Daugherty

February Anniversaries: 7<sup>th</sup> Sherri & Rick Hayward      25<sup>th</sup> Woodie & Robert Hardy  
27<sup>th</sup> Evon & Nathan Jones

A partial schedule for the Thursday Night Contemporary Service has been announced. On Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, the father-son team of Chip and Patrick Cardwell will present an “Old Time Gospel Music” program. Patrick plays the piano and father Chip plays the auto harp.

The brothers John and Jim Finney will conduct the service on February 19<sup>th</sup>. John will provide the music while Jim will deliver the message. Check out the church web site ([harmonyumchurch.org](http://harmonyumchurch.org)) for updates to the schedule during the month.

Harmony UMC has printed a new church directory and has them available in the narthex. Be sure to pick up one so you will know when to send out birthday and anniversary cards. It also includes mailing addresses and phone numbers and a listing of members on the various church committees.



Scenes of the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser held January 31<sup>st</sup>  
to support the Youth Group and Kids for Christ.