

# Pioneers Newsletter

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## Upcoming Programs

- April 8 "Give me the Children"  
May 13 Koinonia  
June 10 Harry Clarke – Musical Program

## Upcoming Trips

- April 22 Noah's Arc  
May 27 Koinonia, Americus, GA  
June 24 Jarrell Plantation & Whistle Stop Café, Juliette, GA

**The TFUMC Pioneers meet the second Thursday of each month for lunch and program at 11:30 a.m. Day Trips are the fourth Thursday of each month...**

...except March, which is SPECIAL because of XYZ Senior Day!

Registration is required and your presence is appreciated! To register, please contact the church office at 770-938-3030.

Pioneers are on the Web:  
<http://tfumc.org/pioneers>

## From The President

Greetings  
Fellow Pioneers,

Can you believe it is spring? Some of us thought it would never get here.

XYZ has come and gone, and didn't Jane do a marvelous job? She put many hours and a lot of hard work into producing such a successful meeting. The only problem was the roofers, but we had no control over that. We received many, many compliments on the program, the decorations, the food and the day as a whole. Jane and TFUMC can pat themselves on the back for a job well done and, thank goodness, we don't have to host it again for another six years.

We have a wonderful program lined up for April. Joyce Turrentine has arranged for Pola Arbiser, the author of a book called [Give me the Children](#), to be our speaker. Mrs. Arbiser will tell of how a



Photo: Bill Turrentine

Christian woman saved a Jewish family during the holocaust. Her book will also be available for sale at the meeting. I'm sure we will have many questions for Mrs. Arbiser.

Our April trip is the long anticipated and delayed trip to Noah's Ark. Noah's Ark is home to children and animals. It was started in 1962, and is the dream of a very small child, Jama Hedgecoth, who told her parents that when she grew up she would have a home for all the unwanted children and animals. She would have people come visit them and would never

charge a dime. Yes, the entrance to the farm is free, but donations are encouraged. We will have lunch at nearby Buckner's, a family style restaurant. They are famous for their fresh fried chicken. They do not take credit cards, so bring cash. I will have the lunch prices by the April meeting. We also will have to furnish gas for the church bus.

I hope all of you are enjoying the beautiful warm spring days and I look forward to seeing all of you at our April meeting.

God Bless,  
Pat Brady



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From your newsletter editor:

I hope you enjoy this, our second issue together: I am having fun bringing back YOUR newsletter! Please keep your feedback coming so your newsletter is what you want!

Happy March birthday to:

Andy Anderson  
Delores Anderson  
Bill White

Happy April birthday to:

Charles Curry  
Sandra Emrich  
Faye Hardy

I won't ask you your age if you won't ask me mine! Oh, and if I missed your birthday it wasn't intentional. (I'm using the yearbook as my "source.")

Don't forget your camera as you go to Noah's Ark...we want to share a bit of the experience with anyone who can't make the trip!

God bless!  
Evelyn Burkett  
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## A First Person Account from XYZ

Jane McCombs and her many volunteers are to be congratulated on the great XYZ Day hosted by four area churches and held this year here at TFUMC on March 16th. There were about 218 senior adults in attendance from 15 churches in the area. After filling ourselves from a banquet of breakfast goodies, a variety of interesting classes were offered and everyone had the opportunity to attend two of those.

I attended the class on Shaped Note Singing and found out how inept I really am in the singing business. Rev. Tom Moore assisted Andy Anderson in this class, and it was an added bonus getting to know Rev. Moore a little better. All of us in the classes were serenaded that morning by the pounding of roofers as they repaired the church roof – a little loud and disconcerting, but we plowed right ahead.

A new caterer to our church furnished a very good lunch with "sinful" dessert for the group, and then we were entertained by our own Ken Futch, who managed to keep the now comfortably-fed group in stitches. The tables were beautifully set with spring flowers and colorful cups that picked up those colors. After Ken's entertaining speech, many door prizes were awarded, the last and big one being an overnight stay at Simpsonwood, which unfortunately was not won by me! This is the 2nd year TFUMC and Jane McCombs has hosted this great day for the senior adults in the area, and next year we look for going to Snellville UMC for another interesting -- and filling! -- XYZ Day.

Gloria Jones



Q: What did the father buffalo say to his son as he was leaving for school?

A: Bison!