

Don't Forget to  
Spring Forward-  
Daylight Savings  
Time begins on  
March 14

# First News

First United Methodist Church

March 2010



## Holy Week Schedule

March 29-April 2

### Noonday Worship Services

**March 29-April 2, 12:00p.m. in the Youth Lounge**

A light lunch will follow each service in the Genesis Hall. Thursday, April 1 noonday service will include communion.

### Come and Go Communion

**Thursday, April 1 from 5pm-7pm**

Come and go Communion in the Sanctuary for Maundy Thursday.

### Good Friday Service

**Friday, April 2 at 7:00p.m. in the Sanctuary**

On Good Friday at 7p.m. we will recount the last hours of Jesus' life in scripture reading and music.

### Holy Saturday Prayer Walk

**Saturday, April 3 in the afternoon**

Spend Holy Saturday in prayer and meditation. This prayer walk will give you the opportunity to journey through the last hours of Jesus' life. This event will be held at the Tompkins' farm in Gallatin and will be for all ages and all stages of faith. If you need assistance getting from station to station, we will have a ride-on vehicle to transport you. For more information or directions, please contact Bethany Hader, ext. 1012. There will be a planning meeting on March 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conf. Room for anyone interested in helping with the event.

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## Apprentices

Connecting... Growing... Serving... Sharing... Worshiping

We keep reminding ourselves that we want to move from admiring and believing in Jesus to following him. So like Jesus apprenticed himself to his father, we apprentice ourselves to Jesus. We connect, grow, serve, share and worship. God uses our obedience to change our little part of God's world, and God changes us too in the process!

This month's apprenticeship cameo features a member who wishes to remain anonymous. We'll call him Cam. Both he and his wife are decent people, but life together has been kind of hard. He's tried to be better at actively loving her but hasn't been able to pull it off very well yet. Cam started a small group of friends who wanted to get better at following Jesus. They connect almost weekly. Over a cup of coffee and sometimes a bit of food, they catch up with each other about their lives. They talk about a book they're reading unless something more pressing comes up. A few minutes before their hour is up, they talk about how they've done with one spiritual practice over the last week and share one spiritual practice they want to work on for the next week. Then they close by praying for each other. In the context of his group, Cam has come to realize he had been trying to do things that were not realistic at this point in time, and he identified more basic ways he could love his wife -- for instance with better communication! He says he still has a long way to go, but his small group is helping to support and hold him accountable about living in love.

*Apprenticeship changes us and changes the world! Please send apprenticeship cameos (from your life, your group or people you witness) to Pastor Lynn at [lynn.hinkle@hfumc.org](mailto:lynn.hinkle@hfumc.org) or turn it in at the office.*

## Join us Easter Sunday

April 4th at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## A Message from our Senior Pastor

**Where shall I start?** Maybe the place to begin is by expressing my gratitude. Jill, Lauren, Morgan and I would like to express our gratitude for your warm welcome. We are glad to be here, and I am excited about partnering with you in ministry. Our plans are to put our house in Robertson County on the market within the next couple of weeks. We would certainly appreciate your prayers for a quick buyer. Once it is sold, we will find a home to purchase here. We look forward to joining you as residents as we can. I also want to express my appreciation to many of you for your willingness to bail me out of jail for the

### Living Fully, Planning Well

Life is a gift, and this eight week experience is for people who want to make sure they make the most of it. Especially designed for (*though not limited to*) people of any age who have entered the last half of their lives and want to live the rest of it intentionally and well. We will read and discuss the book *Living Fully, Dying Well*, have guest speakers from several disciplines, and move beyond "planning to make plans" to actually doing it! Pick and choose the sessions you want to attend. We will identify and prioritize what we want to do with the rest of our lives and make specific plans accordingly, write our wills, compose our histories, record the values and learnings we want to pass forward, compile information to help our loved ones in the days before and after we pass away, and even decide on what hymns we want in our Celebration of Life service. Our families will love us! And we will love ourselves for taking the reins and steering where we want to go on the rest of the adventure of our lives.

Class begins **Wednesday, April 21** and will meet 6-7:30 PM.  
Contact Lynn Hinkle for details.

Muscular Dystrophy Association. Many, many thanks.

**Since my arrival at HFUMC a month ago, I have tried to get my feet on the ground quickly.** I've met with the staff individually a couple of weeks prior to my arrival. I have met with the Staff Parish Chair (I have lost count as to how many times) and the Committee at least 3 times. In addition, I have met with the UMW, the Young at Heart, the Finance, Worship, and Anniversary Committees. I've also been in a joint meeting with a few leaders from the Safe Sanctuary and the Trustees committee. My point in telling you this is that I have spent a great deal of time listening; listening to many of you share your praises and concerns so I might better understand HFUMC and then minister to this body as effectively as I am able.

After listening, praying, and much reflection, I want to lift up **a couple of new things I would like to try during worship.** The first one has to do with Communion. I would like for us to continue to serve communion on the first Sunday of the month the way you have always done it, but I would ask that we not serve it on the other Sundays at alternating services. Part of the reasoning for this is that it is a little confusing (at least for the new guy) and second, many of you have asked if we would stop doing it this way. If communion gets bumped from the first Sunday (like on April 4 which is Easter Sunday), we will do our best to serve it the

second Sunday of the month. So, let's give it a try and see how it goes. We won't know until we try.

Secondly, I would like to do baptisms a little differently. I still would like for parents and individuals to continue going through the baptism class, but not have to all be baptized on the same day. I would like for you to work in cooperation with the church office to select the Sunday and service you wished to be baptized. Please understand that it has to be on the church calendar before it becomes official; and that because of time constraints, we will not be scheduling any baptisms on a Communion Sunday. While it is my preference to do baptisms this way, that's not the motivation for the change. You are! This is one of the top three concerns you've shared with me during the last four weeks. I know that any church can become so big that a "Baptism Day" is the only way. But I'm not sure we're there yet, so I'd like to give it a try.

Serving Him Together,



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## Tom & Betty Cloyd Scholarship Receiving Applications

The Nashville Area United Methodist Foundation is receiving applications for the Tom & Betty Cloyd Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year. To qualify for this scholarship, an applicant must be a UM in the TN Conference (*for a min of 1 year*) and enrolled in or accepted by a UM College or University. The scholarship was established to honor Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Cloyd and Betty Shannon Clod by the their family and

friends. The Cloyds served faithfully for over forty-five years and now make their home in Chapel Hill, NC.

To receive more information or to apply, contact Rev. Dr. Vincent Walkup at the Nashville Area UM Foundation, 304 S. Perimeter Park Dr, Nashville, TN 37211. Deadline is March 31, 2010.

## Financial News

### Christian Legacy Team Announces Scholarship Awards

The Christian Legacy Team wants to express appreciation to all who applied for the 2010-11 scholarship awards. As in past years, a very large number of applications were submitted – all excellent candidates. The Christian Legacy Team uses a criteria and rating scale for the selection process.

**2010-11 Scholarship Awards-** Scott Beeler, Erin Campbell, Devan Coffey, Gordon Cox, Emily Dayton, Jessica Hall, Clayton Hurdle, Johnathan Jones, Briana Keightley and Anna Vaughan

**2010-11 Leek/Miller Ministerial Scholarship Award-** (*seeking theology training*) Merrilee Wineinger

**2010 Operating Budget-** at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Finance Team set the 2010 Operating Budget at \$1,625,000. Final adjustments are being made, and copies of the Budget Summary will be available very soon. Thank you for your support of the ministry and mission of HFUMC.

### January Finance Report

January Budget Offering  
\$ 134,525  
January Budget Expenditures  
\$ 86,113  
Net Operating Total  
\$ 48,412

### 2009 Contribution Record Tax Report

If you made a contribution to HFUMC during 2009, you should have received a Charitable Contribution Tax Report.

This report is a complete listing of all charitable contributions received by HFUMC during 2009. Please review this report carefully and call Silvia or Michelle if you have any questions. PLEASE

**NOTE: You will need this report for preparation of your 2009 Income Tax Return.** If you did not receive a report listing your 2009 contributions, please call 824-8725, ext 1027 or 1028.



Contact Silvia Stewart for financial information at 824-8725, ext. 1027

## Health & Wholeness Ministry

### Strap on your Dancing Shoes and Bring on the Boogie:

Classes - 6:30-8:00

Mar. 4 Fox Trot class for men– Fell. H  
Mar. 11 Cha Cha class for men– Fell. H  
Mar. 18 Tapas and Tango- Fell. Hall  
Apr. 8 Beginning Cha Cha - Genesis Hall  
Apr. 15 & 22 Adv. Beginner/Intermediate Cha Cha - Genesis Hall

### Tea Dance - April 25

1-3pm Tea Dance with lesson  
Fellowship Hall

### Blood Pressure Checks

in the Sanctuary Gathering Area - March 28 from 9:15 - 11:00 am.

### 'Tis always the season to give...

Thanks to all of you who have already signed for our upcoming Blood Drive. We are almost half way to our goal and only weeks away from our Drive on March 14th from 9-1. Why Wait? Pick your time slot to donate and help us make sure that we meet our goal.



Meeting our goals means we can save almost 100 lives. Register now. <https://www.givelife.org/index.cfm?group=registration&hlc=HvilleFirstJMC19&pos=1>

### Healthy Lifestyle Tips

The 18th century gentleman who followed this healthy lifestyle lived an active 88 years.

Can you guess who gave this advice and lived this holy life style?

- Drink lots of water; it's the healthiest of all drinks.
- Avoid coffee and tea; they elevate anxiety.
- Exercise, preferably walking, is necessary for good health.
- Cold baths promote circulation.
- Exercise on an empty stomach.

Go to bed at 9 p.m. and rise at 4 a.m. or 5 a.m.

Our own John Wesley, of course. Great advice from a man who traveled 250,000 miles on horseback, much of it reading and writing at the same time. I admit there's nothing like a hot shower

and exercising on an empty stomach could cause a drop in blood sugar. Nonetheless, what's a Methodist to do, but to follow John Wesley and take on a Lenten practice. How about grabbing your Lenten study book and taking a seat on a stationary bike, much safer than horseback. Get Moving and live the Healthy Lifestyle of a Wesleyan.

### Attend an AED/CPR training and be prepared to save a life.

Two opportunities to begin or update your status as a lifesaver.

Wed. 3/10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Sun. 3/28 @ 12:15 p.m.

Reserve your manikin today - email: [merrilee.wineinger@hfumc.org](mailto:merrilee.wineinger@hfumc.org)



Contact Merrilee Wineinger for more info on Health & Wholeness Ministries at 824-8725, ext. 1019

## Children's Ministry

**PAWS** (*Praise and Worship Service*) at the Ark needs extra hands to help during the 11:00 worship service. If you would like to come worship with us and are Safe Sanctuary trained, please contact Kathryn Good. You may volunteer just once a month, once a quarter, we have had such a good response that we need extra hands.

**Consignment Sale Needs Help!** We still need help at our Floods of Duds Spring sale! If you can help, please log on to [www.hfumc.org/consign](http://www.hfumc.org/consign).

**Confirmation** Sunday - March 7th we meet in our room at 3:30 for a brief lesson, then we go down to Genesis Hall and the Kitchen to live out our lesson by hosting Room In The Inn. You will need to bring \$10. to help pay for all the groceries. We will be cooking, cleaning, and eating with our guests. Pick up will be at 7:15. We will have our regular meetings on the 14th, 21st, and 28th at 5:30. See you there!

**Sprouts** We will be meeting Mar. 7, 14, 21 at 4:00pm to get ready for our Justice project. We need to plan the event. Be sure and complete your Bible study!

### **Consignment Sale Dates**

#### **Wednesday, March 17th**

5:30-7pm      Preview Sale  
(For VOLUNTEERS only)

7-8:30pm      Preview Sale  
(Consignors & Volunteers only)

#### **Thursday, March 18th**

9am-7pm      Public Sale

#### **Friday, March 19th**

9am-7pm      Public Sale

#### **Saturday, March 20th**

9am-2pm      Public Sale  
(50% off discounted items)

**Our next Children's Ministry Team meeting** is March 23, Tuesday, at 6:30 in Genesis Hall. See you there!

### **Mark your Calendars:**

Easter Egg Hunt is March 28 at 3:00pm! You won't want to miss this new exciting format for our Egg Hunt!

May 1st - Sprouts will be hosting a Nothing But Nets fundraiser and awareness day. This will be a day that you will not want to miss! Watch for future updates.

### **What's happening in Sunday School:**

**Promises** - In March they will be talking about Jesus said "Follow Me".

### **Praisemakers - Kindergarten :**

- March 7: Jesus and the Money Changers - John 2:13-16
- March 14: Remember Me - Luke 22:7-20
- March 21: Jesus Prays in the Garden - Mark 14:32-41

- March 28: Palm Sunday - Matthew 21:1-11
- April 4: Jesus Lives! - Matthew 28:1-10

### **1st - 5th Grade Rotation:**

- March 7 & 14: Continue our study on Jesus Calling the Disciples - Mark 1:17-18 and how Jesus still calls us.
- March 21-April 18: Symbols of Holy Week - Luke 23:34a "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." We will learn about the events of Holy Week and symbols to help us to remember. We will be studying all four gospel accounts of Holy Week.

### **Confirmation:**

- March 7 - Learning About Methodist Beginnings and History
- March 14 - Getting to Know John Wesley & Family
- March 21 - United Methodist Sacraments and Creeds
- March 28 - Palm Sunday and Holy Week
- April 4 - Easter



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## Newcomers Class– It's never too late to join us!

**Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. in M-207**  
(2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the Sanctuary)

Our current Newcomers Class concludes in the next few weeks with the following sessions:

**Mar. 7** "Where We Go From Here"  
A personal assessment to help newcomers go forward in their spiritual journey as they connect in ministry at HFUMC. Led by Merrilee Wineinger, Director of Health & Wholeness Ministry and Julie

Leath, Small Group Coordinator.  
**Mar. 14** Get to know Senior Pastor, Rev. Don Hutchinson; then, join us for Newcomers Luncheon after 11:00 Worship. Any newcomers are welcome to join us, whether or not they've previously been attending the Newcomers Class.

**Mar. 21** - A look at the UMC worldwide connection & HFUMC local government – Dr. Betty Alexander & other leaders

**Mar 28** Meet in our classroom and we'll take you to visit appropriate Adult Sunday School classes.



**Contact Janet Jones for info on Newcomers at 824-8725, ext. 1011.**

## Welcome New Members!

**Lucy Eakes** (Mrs. Logan)  
**Emma Beth** – 6 months old  
110 Stephanie Pl  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
Phone: 415-7119

**Gary Stewart**  
(husband of Kinsey Andrews Stewart)  
**Coralyn** – 4 months old  
998 Heather Dr  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
Phone: 828-2302

**Michaela Vega-Romero** (age 7)  
daughter of Amanda Vega-Romero

**Lana Voss** (Mrs. Ryan)  
**Clark** – 2 months old  
155 Ivy Hill Ln  
Goodlettsville, TN 37072  
Phone: 859-0170

## United Methodist Women

### UMW Circle News for Tuesday, March 16:

All women of the church are invited to attend and invite a friend. You do not need to be a member of The United Methodist Church in order to be a member of United Methodist Women.

•**Lydia Circle** will meet in the **church library** on March 16th, at 7:00 p.m. The program will focus on book reviews, mainly from the **UMW Reading Program Booklist**. Janet Meyer is the hostess for the evening.

•**Mary Ruth Circle** will be hosted by Betty Morris(431-2176) at 10:00 a.m. in the Genesis Hall of the church.

•**Naomi Circle** Ms. Grace E. Oliver will be the speaker at the 10:00 a.m. meeting at Shirley Cooper's house, 100 Bethea Court (822-1671). Ms. Oliver is Supervisor of Attendance for Sumner County Schools and also liaison with homeless children who attend schools in Sumner

## Missions Update

**Reelfoot Mission Trip** If you have never been on a mission trip before, our spring trip to Reelfoot Rural Ministries is definitely for you. We will leave on Sunday, April 11 and return Friday, April 16. It is possible to only stay for part of the week also.

Please let me know if you are interested in going on this trip by Sunday, March 28. I am getting T-shirts for our group and also need to let them know the number.

**Mission Opportunity** This month's mission opportunity is 61st Avenue United Methodist Church in Nashville. This church is in a very poor area of Nashville, and many of their congrega-

tion are homeless. There are many ways to help there, including fixing supper on Saturday night when they have their services.

For more information about volunteering there, call or e-mail me.

Remember when you are a player, prayer and/or payer, you are the one who receives the blessing.

Blessings, (bendiciones)

Judy



Contact Judy Jones for more info on our mission opportunities at 824-8725, ext. 1030.



County. Everyone is invited to attend and hear how the school system supports these homeless children and how we, as members of the United Methodist Women and the Hendersonville First United Methodist Church, could assist.

•**Rebekkah Circle** will tour the Salvus Center in Hendersonville. Meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. to carpool to the Center.

### UMW News for Tuesday, April 6:

The UMW **Executive Committee** will meet in the **Conference Room** at 9:00 a.m.

The **General Meeting** speaker will be Mary McKinney, the new Director at Bethlehem Centers of Nashville. She will bring us up to date on the fiscal status and needs of the Centers. See you at 10:00 a.m. in **Genesis Hall**.

## Thank You!

A BIG Thank You to everyone for the success of the Snow Ball dance sponsored by the Searchers Sunday School Class, and made possible by so many who helped with ticket printing and selling and taking them up at the door, decorating and cleanup, food preparation and managing the food tables, and dance lessons before and during the dance. A special thanks go to those who made extra donations to In Christ's Way Fund in the name of the Snow Ball. Altogether, these efforts resulted in a fun evening for about 250 or so people and a contribution of \$4,125 to In Christ's Way.

Shirley Cooper

## Safe Sanctuaries Training



Our next Safe Sanctuaries Training is March 21st at 4pm in the CLC 251. If you are thinking about volunteering for VBS, Sunday school teaching,

youth drive groups, or other programming areas involving children or youth, please plan on attending. Questions, contact Kristi Huffine at 824-8725, ext. 1034 or kristi.huffine@hfumc.org.

## March Calendar

### Sunday, 07 March 2010

08:00 AM 50th Anniversary of Sanctuary  
08:15 AM Worship  
09:30 AM Sunday School/All Locations  
09:30 AM Newcomer's Class/M-207  
09:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Worship/Sanctuary  
01:30 PM 24 Hours Group/AW-235  
03:30 PM Confirmation/Gen. Hall & Kit.  
04:00 PM NWG Choir Practice/Choir  
04:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC 250  
05:00 PM Drive Groups/Youth Lounge  
05:00 PM Room in the Inn/ GYM

### Monday, 08 March 2010

12:00 AM Room in the Inn/GYM  
06:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices/Conf.  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
05:30 PM Alive Hospice/AW-237  
06:30 PM Good Stewards  
07:00 PM Trustees Team/AW-235  
07:00 PM Stephen Ministry/CLC-255  
07:00 PM AA Ladies Group/CLC-251

### Tuesday, 09 March 2010

09:30 AM UMW Investment Club/235  
12:15 PM 24 Hours Group/Youth L.  
01:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry  
06:45 PM Boy Scouts #75/Fell. Hall  
07:00 PM Finance Team/Conf Room

### Wednesday, 10 March 2010

06:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW-236  
09:00 AM Christian Believer/Hurdle's  
09:30 AM Morning Study Group/AW-237  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
05:30 PM WNT Dinner/GYM  
06:30 PM Praise Players/M-208  
06:30 PM Adult Classes  
06:30 PM 24 Hours Group/M-209  
06:30 PM MomUp/Conference Room  
06:30 PM CPR/AED Training/CLC-250  
06:30 PM Girls Book Club/3rd Floor  
06:30 PM Hard Core Bible Talks/3rd Flr.  
06:30 PM Children's Choirs/224,226,160  
07:30 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room

### Thursday, 11 March 2010

05:30 PM Carillons/M-208  
06:30 PM McKinnis Small Group/Rotating  
06:30 PM Dance Lessons/Fellowship Hall

### Friday, 12 March 2010

06:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera  
07:45 AM Barry Men's Group/YMCA  
09:00 AM Total Body Sculpting/CLC-250  
05:30 PM Overeater's Anonymous/237  
06:00 PM Parent's Night Out  
06:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
07:30 PM Happy Squares/Genesis Hall

### Saturday, 13 March 2010

10:00 AM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
10:00 AM Webelos Pack 75/M-307

### Sunday, 14 March 2010

08:15 AM Worship  
09:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive/GYM  
09:30 AM Newcomer's Class/M-207  
09:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary

Contact Bethany Hader to for more info on our calendar at 824-8725

### 09:30 AM

11:00 AM Sunday School/All Locations  
12:00 PM Worship/Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Newcomer's Lunch/Gen. Hall  
01:30 PM 24 Hours Group/AW-235  
03:30 PM NWG Parents Mtg  
04:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC 250  
04:00 PM NWG Choir Practice  
05:00 PM Floods of Duds Collection  
05:00 PM Drive Groups/Youth Lounge  
05:30 PM Confirmation/CW-228  
06:00 PM Prayer WWalk Planning/Conf.  
06:30 PM McKinnis Small Group/  
07:00 PM Missions Team/Conf. Room

### Monday, 15 March 2010

06:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices/Conf.  
09:00 AM Floods of Duds Collectio  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
11:30 AM Love & Concern/AW-235  
05:00 PM Floods of Duds Collection  
06:30 PM Road Team Meeting/Y Lounge  
06:30 PM Good Stewards  
07:00 PM Wolf Scouts/CW-226  
07:00 PM AA Ladies Group/CLC-251

### Tuesday, 16 March 2010

09:00 AM Floods of Duds Collection  
12:15 PM 24 Hours Group/Y Lounge  
01:00 PM Sacred Stories/AW-236  
01:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry/  
05:00 PM Floods of Duds Collection  
06:45 PM Boy Scouts #75/Fell. Hall  
07:00 PM Lydia Circle/AW-237

### Wednesday, 17 March 2010

06:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW-236  
09:00 AM Christian Believer/Hurdle's  
09:30 AM Morning Study Group/AW-237  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
05:30 PM Pre-Sale for Volunteers/GYM  
06:30 PM Children's Choirs/224,226,160  
06:30 PM Hard Core Bible Talks/3rd Flr.  
06:30 PM Girls Book Club/3rd Floor  
06:30 PM Adult Classes  
06:30 PM Praise Players/M-208  
06:30 PM 24 Hours Group/M-209  
07:00 PM Pre-Sale for Consignors/GYM  
07:30 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room

### Thursday, 18 March 2010

09:00 AM Floods of Duds Consignment  
05:30 PM Carillons/M-208  
06:00 PM Cub Scouts/CW-226  
06:30 PM Guy's Night Out/M-307  
06:30 PM Tapas & Tango/Fellowship Hall

### Friday, 19 March 2010

All Day Handbell Festival/Minibus  
06:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera  
07:45 AM Barry Men's Group/YMCA  
09:00 AM Floods of Duds Consignment Sal  
09:00 AM Total Body Sculpting/CLC-250  
12:30 PM Bridge Club/AW-231  
05:30 PM Overeater's Anonymous/237  
06:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
07:30 PM Happy Squares/Fell. Hall

### Saturday, 20 March 2010

All Day Handbell Festival/Minibus

### 09:00 AM

10:00 AM Floods of Duds Consignment Sale  
10:00 AM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
10:00 AM Webelos Den/M-307

### Sunday, 21 March 2010

08:00 AM UMW Coffee Sale/Sanct. Lobby  
08:15 AM Worship  
09:30 AM Sunday School/All Locations  
09:30 AM Newcomer's Class/M-207  
09:30 AM Worship/Sanctuary  
11:00 AM 24 Hours Group/AW-235  
01:30 PM Council of Stewards/Gen. Hall  
02:00 PM Safe Sanct. Train./CLC-255  
04:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251, 250  
04:00 PM NWG Choir Practice  
05:00 PM Drive Groups/Youth Lounge  
05:00 PM Room in the Inn/Gen. Hall, GYM  
05:30 PM Confirmation/CW-228

### Monday, 22 March 2010

12:00 AM Room in the Inn/Gen. Hall, GYM  
06:30 AM Carpenter's Apprentices/Conf.  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/CLC-250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
12:00 PM Spanish Class/Off Site  
06:30 PM Good Stewards/Rotating Homes  
06:30 PM Safe Sanctuaries Team/Conf. Rm  
07:00 PM Stephen Ministry/CLC-255  
07:00 PM AA Ladies Group/CLC-251

### Tuesday, 23 March 2010

12:15 PM 24 Hours Group/Youth Lounge  
01:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry/Andrews'  
06:30 PM Children's Ministry/Gen. Hall  
06:45 PM Boy Scouts #75/Fell. Hall

### Wednesday, 24 March 2010

06:30 AM Hurdle Men's Group/AW-236  
09:00 AM Christian Believer/Hurdle's  
09:30 AM Morning Study Group/AW-237  
10:00 AM Upper Body Sculpting/CLC-250  
10:30 AM Tai Chi/CLC-250  
05:30 PM WNT Dinner/GYM  
06:30 PM Adult Classes  
06:30 PM Praise Players/M-208  
06:30 PM 24 Hours Group/M-209  
06:30 PM Gardening 1-2-3/AW-231  
06:30 PM MomUp/Conference Room  
06:30 PM Girls Book Club/3rd Floor  
06:30 PM Hard Core Bible Talks/3rd Flr.  
06:30 PM Children's Choirs/224,226,160  
07:30 PM Adult Choir/Choir Room

### Thursday, 25 March 2010

11:00 AM Young at Heart/Gen. Hall  
05:30 PM Carillons/M-208  
06:30 PM McKinnis Small Group/Rotating

### Friday, 26 March 2010

06:30 AM Batson Men's Group/Panera  
07:45 AM Barry Men's Group/YMCA  
09:00 AM Total Body Sculpting/CLC-250  
05:30 PM Overeater's Anonymous/AW-237  
06:00 PM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
07:30 PM Happy Squares/Genesis Hall

### Saturday, 27 March 2010

07:30 AM Childcare Min. Workshop/All  
10:00 AM AA Group Meeting/CLC-251  
10:00 AM Webelos Den/M-307

## Children's Ministry Survey Results

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Children's Ministry Survey. We received 119 responses! We truly appreciate your feedback. It is always good to hear your thoughts on things we are doing well, and we also desire to hear your thoughts on areas that you feel could use improvement. We would like to share with you a little about what we learned from the survey.

### Areas of Strength

- Safety
- Fellowship
- Growth of children's faith
- Sunday School teachers and nursery care givers are friendly, welcoming and nurturing.
- Caring ministry team
- Volunteers feel supported and encouraged.
- Vacation Bible School

### Areas to Improve and Our Steps Moving Forward

- **Welcoming new families and children** – We have set up a temporary

information desk. Plans are being made for a larger, permanent desk to be built in the children's lobby. We are working to have trained, recognizable volunteers at the children's entrances to welcome families and help them to their destinations.

- **Communication** – We have set up a Facebook page. We will also be putting more literature at the children's lobby desk such as a monthly calendar and visitor information. You can also now find a monthly children's ministry calendar on the church Web site.
- **Children's Church** – We have just renamed this ministry to P.A.W.S. (Praise and Worship Service at the Ark). Kids ages 3 through Kindergarten can leave worship service after the children's message for their own time of music, prayer, a Bible story, and activities to help reinforce the Bible story.



- **Sunday School** – Our rotation style program used for our 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders is misunderstood by some. We are working to help all parents see how their kids are learning the Bible in this format. We have already created cards that kids will take home each week telling parents how they learned about God at the Ark that morning.
- **Preschool** – We are looking at additional activities for our preschoolers. Music has been added back to Sunday School! Cay will be singing with the preschoolers on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.

## Hiking Group



**Saturday, March 6 at 1:45 p.m.** Come with Judy Jones on a family-friendly hike in the great outdoors! We will be going back to Radnor Lake. The lake loop (3 miles) is a flat, partially paved, easy hike. There are also two ridges, Ganier Ridge and South

Cove, if you would like to try a more adventurous route. After the hike, we will grab dinner at The Chili Burrito Co. or 5 Guys Burgers and Fries.

**Saturday, April 3**– Prayer Walk (see front page for details)

## Young at Heart

Join us for our Young at Heart potluck luncheons and day trips this year.

This group (age 50+) meets the third Thursday of every month at 11:00 a.m. in the Genesis Hall.

**March 25 at 11:00 a.m.**

Hendersonville Fire Dept & Merrilee Wineinger- Fire and Personal Safety Potluck, in Genesis Hall

**April 15 at 11:00 a.m.**

Meet our new Senior Pastor, Don Hutchinson Potluck, in Genesis Hall

**On the Road Again**

We are on the move again with Young at Heart. Our next trip will be **Friday, April 30** to Tully's in Hartsville. Please call the church and ask for Judy Jones at ext. 1030 to sign up. We have spaces for 25.

## Special Needs Ministry Needs Volunteers!

Volunteers needed for First Mates a special needs ministry to help children integrate during Sunday school hour. Please contact Kristi Huffine if you would like to spend 1 hour a month with a child at 824-

8725, ext. 1034 or [kristi.huffine@hfumc.org](mailto:kristi.huffine@hfumc.org).



## Love, Lynn

When I was a young teenager, we had a Siamese cat named Kiam. Like many cats, especially of the Siamese persuasion, she was not exactly the soul of warmth and understanding. She did not like strangers, she did not like to be taken to strange places, and she especially did like to be cooped up in a cage at the veterinarian's when we went on vacation.

When we returned from a trip to England, Daddy went to pick up Kiam who immediately let him know in absolutely no uncertain terms that she was not happy with having had to endure the humiliation and torture of three weeks in a cage. Upon talking with the vet, Daddy discovered that Dr. Thompson was not really crazy about the experience either. With a rich southern drawl he intoned, "I tell ya what, Bruce. You don't have to go find that cat. That cat'll flat look ya up!"

In the last issue of *The Circuit Rider*, a magazine for United Methodist clergy, the focus is on the church's ministry with persons who are unchurched or post-churched. They begin by owning that we

as the church have become comfortable in our walls. We wait for people to come to us, and frankly we don't always care. If we follow the lead of our Lord, however, we go out to where the people are. We "flat look 'em up"!

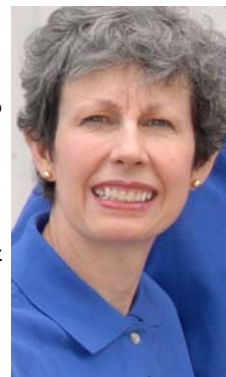
At least twice a year the writers say, we should plan a way to reach people in the community for their benefit — e.g., have free picnics and Bible study or parenting classes in an economically struggling neighborhood. They challenge us to be sensitive to how "Greek" a church worship service can be to someone who hasn't grown up in church, not to mention how emotionally scary it can be to enter a place that seems foreign — where people dress nicely, speak a different language, listen to a different kind of music, sometimes make you feel invisible and valueless, where you don't know where anything is or how it's done, everyone seems to be in the "in" group and you are painfully aware that you are completely on the outside.

Myrlene L.J. Hamilton once wrote,

"Christians must stop going to church!" That's an attention grabber, isn't it?! But Marlene goes on to say, "Instead we must start *being* the church." Or I would say, "We must start being the church in more ways and with far greater intentionality."

Our mandate as followers of Jesus is to be the church, to "flat look 'em up" — to love intentionally and radically. In whatever groups we participate, let us be radically intentional about how we reach out and minister with all God's children.

A fellow pilgrim,



Lynn Strother Hinkle,  
Associate Pastor  
824-8725, ext. 1022

## Group Life— Journey Together

### How to Connect With People

"A sweet friendship refreshes the soul."  
Proverbs 27:9 (MSG)

One of the deepest needs we have in life is the need to be understood. We all desperately need to feel that somebody can feel what we're feeling and understand what we're thinking. We all need people who connect with us.

A study by the California Department of Health Mental found that if you're disconnected from other people -

- You're two-to-three times more likely to die an early death;
- You're four times more likely to suffer from emotional burnout;
- You're five times more likely to suffer clinical depression, and;
- You're ten times more likely to be hospitalized for an emotional or mental disorder.

We need human connections for physical, emotional, and spiritual health. We need people who understand us, who relate to us and who can connect to us. Learning how to connect with people on a heart-to-heart, soul-to-soul level is one of life's most important skills. Unfortunately, nobody ever teaches us how to do this. You learn science and geography, history and math in school, but nobody teaches you how to connect with people. You may be brilliant in some subject, but if you don't know how to connect with people, you're still not going to go very far in life. In Adam Hamilton's book *24 Hours That Changed the World*, if you are following along in the devotion book, he talks of a Man that became disconnected to the Vine," if you pursue **practices** that help us abide in Christ, **we will bear fruit.**" One of the easiest ways to learn how to "connect" is to find a Small Group.

These Groups can provide everything you are looking for and connect you to the larger Church Family. Small Groups can meet any day of the week at a time that suits you. There are all kinds of Groups for Men, Women, Couples, Recreational- such as our Hiking Group, Mom's, Mission, Parenting... It's your Journey; where is God calling you to go next. **Life is not meant to stay the same, and neither are you...**



Contact Julie Leath  
for information on  
Small Groups at 824-  
8725, ext. 1030

Contact Julie Leath for information on finding "Your Group" 824-8725x1030 [julie.leath@hfumc.org](mailto:julie.leath@hfumc.org)

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

**Hospital:** Ree (Betty) Ditmore (*Sarah Cannon: Cent Campus*)

### **Home:**

Jackie Mewbourne, Don Dickenson, Irma Pardon, Roy Graves, Pete Wiens, Dink Newman, Bob Poynor

### **Births:**

- **Scarlett Elizabeth Callas**, born 2/12 to Kevin & Dawn Callas, proud grandparents are Joe & Dollena McHenry
- **Audrey Monroe Mewbourne**, born 2/18 to Jackie & Brandon Mewbourne.
- **Lucy Ellen Morris**, born 2/16 to Betsy and Dave Morris.

### **Our love and sympathy to:**

- **Ken Baker and family** on the loss of his brother, Delbert Baker
- **Miriam Bragg and family** on the death of her brother-in-law, Lile Stigge
- **Craig Heinrich and family** on the death of his father, Allan Erwin Heinrich.
- **Amanda and Luke Diamond**, on the death of Luke's grandfather, Beau Suttles

### **Military—**

- Jeff Thomas, Basic Training in Ft. Jackson, SC.

- Jeffrey Bahr, nephew to Bob and Helen Sims, deployed to Afghanistan, helicopter pilot AL Nat'l Guard
- Preston Jackson, Melinda Wiens' niece's husband, Walter Reed, wounded by IED, continuing to recover at home
- Matt Mundy, son of Nancy and Mike Mundy, Air Force, Little Rock
- AMN Graham A. Horner, Gail and Bob Horner's grandson, Mc Connell AFB in Kansas
- Jonathan Meachem, Donna Sterban's nephew, Japan
- Kyle Wesolowski, US Army, Tank Division, Iraq
- Staff Sgt. Sandra Stewart, Paul & Connie Stewart's dau. in law, San Diego
- Staff Sgt. John Stewart, Paul & Connie Stewart's son, Iraq
- Quinton Herr, Julianne Lee's nephew, USN
- Jeff Bonner, Bob Bonner's son, home
- Ch. Maj. Robert C. Lyons, son of Robert and Ann Lyons home, Augusta GA
- Cpt. Mike Lamberth Fai Lamberth's husband US Naval Re-

- serves, Stuttgart, Germany
- Captain Tyler Rice, grandson of Ruth and Neal Rice, Home
- Jay Vaughters, Family friend of Jane & Pat Benson, Active Duty (Iraq) June 08 HOME,
- Twin sister in Peace Corps in China
- Ken Alea, Son of Ralph and Ana Alea, Afghanistan
- Paul Alea, Son of Ralph and Ana Alea, Marine F18 Hornet Squadron
- Taylor Hartman, Jessica Hewgley Hartman's husband, Camp Lejune
- Sgt. William Todd Livengood, son of Bill and Mary Livengood, serving in Afghanistan
- Ben Rainey, Jim and Alice Rainey's grandson, Marine, Camp Pendleton, CA
- Keith Preston, husband of Donna and father to Audrey, Andrew, and Erin; Army, Afghanistan
- John & Kathy Watson's nephew Joshua Watson to military prayer list. Army in Basra Iraq
- Lt. Col. Sherry Hemby, US Air force in Minneapolis

*For more details and/or follow-ups, please contact the specific family unless otherwise requested.*

## In Memory Of

**Marge Hall** by Shirley & David Cooper to the In Christ's Way Fund

**Marge Hall** to the UMCOR-Haiti Fund by Clayton Gascoigne

**Mary Fabrick** to In Christ's Way Fund by

- Kaye & Bob Crouch
- Shirley & David Cooper

**Marge Hall** by Hallie & Tom Ramey to the Love & Concern Fund

**Jim MacFarland** to the In Christ's Way Fund by

- Margaret Füsse
- Joe & Dollena McHenry
- Marie Bainbridge

- Kaye & Bob Crouch

**Jim MacFarland** by Elizabeth Ann Nicholson to the Room in the Inn Fund

**Mary Fabrick** by Melody & Richard Waltz to the Christian Legacy Fund

**Mary Fabrick** by Joe & Dollena McHenry to the Local Outreach Fund

**Mary Fabrick** by Margaret Füsse to the In Christ's Way Fund

**Dan Anderson** to the Building Fund by

- The Companions Class
- Peggy & Larry Hewgley

- Mary & Jerry Taylor
- William & Mary Klingensmith

**Dan Anderson** to the In Christ's Way Fund by

- Pat & Jim Bagwell
- Nancy Rakestraw
- Margaret Füsse

**Dan Anderson** by Dan's "Cardiac Rehab Family" to the New Building Fund

**Phil Anderson** by Margaret Füsse to the In Christ's Way Fund

**Owen Stratton** by Julie & Alan Eaton to the UMCOR-Haiti Fund

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## Newcomers Luncheon

*You are invited!*

**Sunday March 14th,  
12:15 – 1:45 p.m.**

**All Newcomers and old-timers are encouraged to join us for lunch in the Christian Life Center Genesis Hall after worship on March 14th.** Please bring your whole family and a potluck dish to share, and come get to know our newcomers! Please call Janet at 824-8725, ext. 1011 or e-mail [janet.jones@hfumc.org](mailto:janet.jones@hfumc.org) by Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> to let her know how many in your family plan to attend. Also let Janet know if you want childcare after the meal for your preschool age children.

## Floods of Duds Children's Consignment Sale

**Wednesday, March 17th**

5:30-7pm Preview Sale  
(For VOLUNTEERS only)

7-8:30pm Preview Sale  
(Consignors & Volunteers only)

**Thursday, March 18th**

9am-7pm Public Sale

**Friday,**

**March 19th**

9am-7pm  
Public Sale

**Saturday,  
March 20th**

9am-2pm  
Public Sale

(50% off discounted items)



## Easter Cantata Needs You!

The choir is working on music for the Easter Cantata. Now is a good time to join and assist your fellow parishioners. Also, if you are a vocalist or instrumentalist, get in touch with me. The church celebrates 7

Sundays during the Easter season, and it would be nice to add some special music to our worship services. Thanks for your time and your talent.  
*Bill White, ext. 1013*