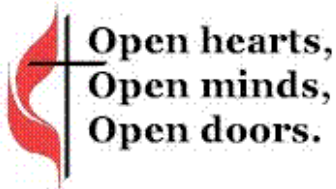


Westview United Methodist Church Newsletter



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The People of the United Methodist Church

March, 2005

The Good Views

From the Pastor

"I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." Psalm 121: 1-2

We are entering a busy time of the year in the life of the church. It is a good time to ask "from where will my help come" especially if you are taking part in arranging the many worship services and other activities at Westview during March. This can be a wonderful time in the life of the church, if our "help comes from the Lord". Lent is the season of turning to the help of the Lord as we seek a deeper spiritual life and as we live our corporate life as the Church, the "body of Christ".

I am excited about the Creative Arts Festival planned for March 6th. You will be delighted at the variety and quality of the arts and crafts slated to be displayed at this festival. We are a church filled with talented people and this will be a rare opportunity to see signs of the artistic talent in our church displayed all at once. You would have to visit many homes for many hours to see all the items scheduled to be in the art festival. To top it off, the funds raised from items donated by the artists to be auctioned and from donations for the food will go 50% to Graceworks and 50% to Westview ministries as a Talent offering.

Two weeks later on March 20th we have our 44th Anniversary/Homecoming Sunday. This year we will welcome Rev. Max Mayo as our guest preacher at both the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. services. I am sure many of you will want to greet Max and his family at the pot-luck dinner following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Our historians, Carl Walker and Rose Kephart are working on a booklet for this special day. They are asking for your memories of Westview to add to the booklet this year.

During Easter week you will have an opportunity to take part in a Seder meal on Thursday March 24th at 7:00 p.m. when we remember the Passover/Last Supper and end the experience with Holy Communion. On the following night, Friday March 25th at 7:00 p.m. we will have Good Friday/Tenebrae services where we remember the death of our Savior on the cross.

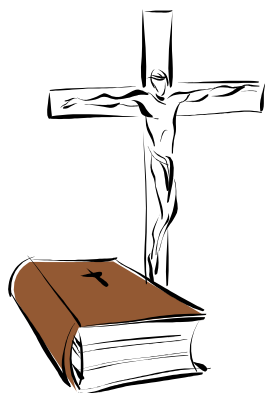
On Easter Sunday morning we will hold Sunrise services at 6:30 a.m. at Bowie park. This will be followed by breakfast at the church and our regular services at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.. You are invited to order an Easter lily to be placed on the altar on Easter morning in memory of or honor of a loved one.

With all this planned for the month of March, much planning and preparation will be required. Help where you are able and remember that our "help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."



Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview

Palm Sunday – March 20
 Good Friday – March 25
 Easter – March 27



Spring Arts Festival

March 6, 2005 12:00 Noon - 4:00 pm

Weekly Meetings

Sundays

12-2 p.m. Youth Fellowship
 2:00 p.m. Joyful Noyz Youth Praise band practice

2nd-5th Sundays

12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship

Tuesdays

9:00 a.m. Preschool parents Bible study (Everyone is welcome)
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Preschool in session
 6:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. AA meeting

Wednesdays

3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Art Academy
 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Sprouts and Confirmation Class
 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Thursdays

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Preschool in session
 6-7:00 p.m. Spiritual Weight Management
 7:30 p.m. AA meeting

Fridays

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Contact Patti Carrol)

March

Sunday March 6

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. One Great Hour of Sharing Underwrites UMCOR's "cost of doing business" of relief work

Monday March 14

6:30 p.m. Finance Committee meeting
 7:15 p.m. Administrative Council meeting

Sunday March 20

Anniversary (Homecoming) and Palm Sunday; 12 noon Pot Luck dinner

Thursday March 24

7:00 p.m. Seder (Passover) Meal and Holy Communion

Friday March 25

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae Service

March 26

12:00 Noon – 4:00 p.m. Spring Arts Festival

Sunday March 27

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Bowie
 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Breakfast
 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Easter Services
 2:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Bowie

Monday March 28

7:00 p.m. Break out meetings for Committees

April

April 16

9:00-3:45 p.m. Annual Women's Retreat

April 23, 2005

8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m. Pro-Active Parenting Seminar with Jim Williams, Forest Hills UMC, Nashville

May

May 1

After second service Plant Sale and Fellowship Meal

May 12

6:30 Laity Club at Westview

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

Please send your witness to janiew@comcast.net

It helps us in times of need to remember how much God touches all of our lives.

Creative Arts Festival



March 6, 2005
12 Noon - 4pm



You are invited to a showing of a variety of creative art works shared by the many artists related to Westview United Methodist Church. The show will include the works of amateurs and professionals of all ages. You will be able to enjoy paintings, pottery, crafts, woodwork, textiles, quilts, and many other art forms. There will be demonstrations and activities for the children. Finger food will be available throughout the afternoon and an auction will take place at 1pm. Donations for the food and from the auction will be split 50% for Graceworks and 50% for Westview UMC ministries. All this takes place at Westview United Methodist Church on March 6, 2005 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.. Westview U.M. Church is located in Fairview at 7107 Westview Drive off of highway 100 across from the Recreation Center. Call 799-0250 for information.

Plants A Poppin'

There's been a touch of spring in the air, and that means Westview's annual plant sale is not far off. In fact, it's been set for Sunday, May 1 after second service. And our crew of gentlemen chefs will prepare a Fellowship Meal that day, so how can you lose? Make plans to stay for a delicious meal and shop for a few (or a bunch) of new plants for the yard. The plant sale has become a good fundraiser for the church. For that to be true once again, all those with green thumbs are asked to be alert to plants that are poking up in the yard, ready for dividing. It's not too soon to start digging and potting. Use old flowerpots, throwaway containers, whatever will hold dirt and occasional watering. Please label each with the plant's name. Perennials, annuals, shrubs, houseplants are all welcome. Even cuttings, bulbs and envelopes of seed have sold in the past. If you've never shopped the Westview plant sale, you've missed a good thing. See you there this year. For more information, contact Kim Tenney or Eva Harris.

Pro-Active Parenting Seminar with Jim Williams

Saturday, April 23, 2005

8:30 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Forest Hills UMC, Nashville

\$20 per person includes training materials, lunch, and childcare

Jim Williams, a member at Brentwood United Methodist Church, is a nationally known speaker. His knowledge of parenting comes out of his own experiences as a parent with two children and one who has lived through the tragic death of his son. You will be inspired, informed, and learn some new ways of being an effective parent of children or youth. The seminar will include an understanding of pro-active parenting, disciplining children and teens, communicating with children and teens, handling anger in the home, and other proactive parenting skills. In addition to the day's seminar, Cokesbury will provide a display of parenting resources for purchase.

The day's schedule is:

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-12:00 Seminar

12:00-1:00 Lunch/Cokesbury display

1:00-4:00 Seminar

Childcare for infant-5th graders will be provided upon request. Parent(s) needs to bring snacks and lunch for child(ren). Forest Hills UMC uses Safe Sanctuary policies and practices in caring for children, including screened and trained workers, minimum of 2 workers per group of children, and a check-in/check-out procedure.

For directions to Forest Hills UMC, www.mapquest. The church is located off I-65, Old Hickory Blvd exit west and is one block past Granny White Pike on the right. The church phone number is 615-373-3131. This seminar is sponsored by the Tennessee Conference Committee on Family Ministries and the United Methodist Publishing House. For more information contact Susan Groseclose at 615-329-1177 or 1-800-403-5795 or sgroseclose@tnumc.org. For a registration form go to:

http://www.tnumc.org/index.cfm?PAGE_ID=1354&EXPAND=1351

Mark 16:15 He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."

As Christians, God asks that we share our Love for Him and others. Each month, a member of Westview United will share their testimony about their Love for Our Lord and how His Love has changed their life.

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Opportunities to Give of Yourself for Others

- On the first Sunday of each month we have a food collection. Bring dry beans/rice for Graceworks and canned goods for Second Harvest food bank. We also take an offering at the communion rail for Graceworks.
- Donate your empty inkjet cartridges to the church. We can get a free ream of copy paper for each cartridge you give.
- Our church historians, Carl Walker & Rose Kephart are beginning to work on a booklet for our Anniversary Sunday on March 20th. If you would like to share a story from the life of Westview UMC during the past year for inclusion in this booklet, please do so soon. Write or email (westumc@comcast.net) the church office or call Carl Walker (799-9491) with your story.
- Children's Church and Nursery Volunteers Needed: We have a desperate need for helpers to care for our littlest souls. Please consider signing up to volunteer once a quarter for these children's ministries. Thank you, Education Committee.
- The Sunshine Committee needs empty baskets suitable for making fruit baskets. Bring your baskets to the church office.

The Family Fellowship Weekend at Beersheba Springs

July 15-17, 2005

We are delighted to announce that Rev. Steven Christopher will be conducting our Bible Study for the weekend. Rev. Christopher is the current pastor at Liberty United Methodist Church and Douglass Chapel in Gallatin, TN. He has also served pastorates at Madison Street United Methodist Church in Clarksville, TN and Forest Grove United Methodist Church in Joelton, TN. His shining example of biblical knowledge is inspiring and encourages his listeners to passionately seek the word of God for a deeper understanding of our history and purpose as Christians.

We had an extremely successful event last year which is mostly attributed to the ever improving accommodations at Beersheba Springs. This year we have reserved rooms in the Turner Mountain Lodge and the East Side (next to the dining hall). Both of these accommodations are air conditioned and have attached baths and furnished linens. Rooms in the newly renovated Upper Neal section will be available with attached baths and furnished linens, but these rooms are not air conditioned. We have also reserved original rooms in the Assembly Ground. Registration brochures, available in April, will list prices and additional details about the weekend, and will also include a registration form. All reservations will be honored as they arrive at the Conference office so please send your registration in early to reserve your preferred accommodations. Many churches are unaware of our Family Fellowship Weekend and we need your help to spread the word. Please share your favorite memories of past weekends at Beersheba with your Sunday school classes, other church members and all of your friends. If you know of a church that would like more information about this fun and inspirational event please contact Melissa Meyer at (615) 230-5738 or mmassoc@comcast.net.

Our Liturgical Colors Explained: Paul Newman, Dale Jennings, and Karen Renner recently presented a program to the children at Art Academy on the liturgical colors used in the sanctuary at various times of the year:

Lent: Ash Wed. to Maundy Thursday (March 23rd) is Purple. These 40 days are called Lent.

Good Friday: March 24 to the 26th is a period of mourning so put the Black colors on the Cross.

Easter: Easter moves on our calendars and is the first Sunday after the full moon, following the vernal equinox. Easter is the rising of Christ and is celebrated by White so put on the white colors for Easter morning on March 27th this year. The Easter season is the period until (May 8th) and in this period the color is white.

Easter Lily Sale

The Worship committee will be taking orders for Easter Lilies through March 13th. If you would like to place a lily in the sanctuary on Easter morning in memory of or in honor of someone, the cost will be \$10.00. Include payment with this order form and return either in the offering plate or at the church office. Write checks to Westview UMC.

In Honor of : _____ or

In Memory of: _____

Your name: _____

Your Phone # _____

The Lilies will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter morning and may be picked up after worship.



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Mission Statement: “We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a place that equips disciples to change lives.”



- Sunday Activities**
8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
12-2:00 PM Youth & Children’s Fellowships & Children’s Choir
2:00 PM Joyful Noyz Youth Praise Band
- Tuesday Activities**
9:00 AM Preschool Parents Bible Study
9 AM – 3 PM Preschool in Session
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