



Westview United Methodist Church ***"Fire in the Rain"***

"Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors."

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The Good Views

From the Pastor

"We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers." Psalm 78:4, 12-16

The stories of God's miracles demonstrate how we can expect God to act in our lives, especially when our need is great and our problems are overwhelming. God is present in our lives even though we find it difficult to listen to and yield to God. The people of Israel experienced God's care in the wilderness and have remembered and shared those experiences. They recall how their faith wavered and they demanded water from Moses. God responded by making "streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers." This story becomes symbolic of how God may intervene in our lives, how the incredible resources of God can flow into our lives, how Jesus walks with us and offers us living water. What is most difficult for us is noticing the activity of God in our personal lives every day. Life can seem very ordinary and the holiness of Jesus can seem very distant. Without taking time to pray and seek the holy presence of Jesus in our lives, the work of God may go unnoticed day after day. We can all do more to connect with God each day. What is required is spiritual discipline, practicing our faith with regularity so we are often open to God's guidance and always alert to God's communications. God has been instant messaging us since creation, we need to log on with God more often, and respond to the many messages sent our way. We might want to try to be more appreciative of little things, especially as we have watched so many people coping with disaster. Maybe our water only flows from the facet and not in rivers from rocks in a desert. Any drinkable water would have seemed like a miracle to many people in recent weeks. We should appreciate what we have and share all we can in times like these.

Westview has been very generous in responding to the Katrina victims. You have given \$1,792 in response to UMCOR's plea for special offerings in this time of crisis. We delivered a van load of water, health kits, and baby items which will be shipped to Jackson, Mississippi. A mission team is preparing to go to the UMCOR Sager Brown depot in Baldwin, Louisiana May 15-20th. In the meantime, some of our members have trained as Red Cross volunteers and we continue to help people in crisis right here in Fairview. We are acting like Jesus would act. We need to also pray like Jesus would pray to our loving and generous God.

Our Church Calendar: Programs and Activities @ Westview



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Where you can ask any question
about the United Methodist Church

1-800-251-8140

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Central Time
Toll-free in the U.S.

<http://infoserv.umc.org>

Weekly Meetings

Sundays

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

2nd-5th Sunday

12-2 p.m. Children's Fellowship and 12 p.m. Children's Choir

Tuesdays

7:30 a.m. AA meeting

Wednesdays

6:30-8:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice
6:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

Thursdays

7:30 p.m. AA meeting

October

Saturday, October 8

Sunday, October 23 11:30 am

Yard Sale sponsored by the Parsonage pay off committee
Annual Charge Conference with Rev. Loyd Mabry chairing
the meeting.

November

Sunday, November 6

Consecration Sunday concludes our stewardship campaign

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Mike Smith, Kevin Carroll
- 4 Nancy Walker, Mary Clinard
- 5 Revonna Mangrum
- 7 Dawn Mangrum, Devan Thornhill, Zechariah Wedgewood
- 10 [Mike & Cheryl Smith Anniversary](#)
- 11 Robin Phillips
- [Ed & Jackie Ingle Anniversary](#)
- 14 Alex Leek
- [Brent & Jackie Burkett Anniversary](#)
- 15 Phil Job
- 17 Linda Lampley, Jacob Raines
- 18 Taylor Wedgewood
- 21 Joe Clinard
- 22 Heidi Job
- 23 Lorenda Sharber, Chase Tenney
- [Will & Amy Winslett Anniversary](#)
- 24 Daniel Fold
- 25 [Vic & Kathlene Growden Anniversary](#)
- 26 Jordan Brison, Teresa Raines
- 27 Angela Clark, Christine Penner
- 28 Tim Saunders
- 31 Selah Wright, Lee Thompson



Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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Hark! The Church-Wide **YARD/BASEMENT/PICNIC SHELTER SALE** Cometh on October 8, 2005

You know all that all that stuff you've been wanting out of your house? Well here's your chance to do something great with it. The parsonage pay-off committee has set December 31, 2006, as the goal for having the parsonage completely paid off, and we're kicking off with a church yard (or basement of picnic shelter) sale on Saturday, October 8. Donated sale items can be put in the storage building (Pastor Gary has keys). If you have large items and need help transporting, or for any other questions, contact Ken or Helen Brison, or Rene Job. Paying off the note as fast as possible will allow us to use the interest savings for other church ministries. We appreciate all your help is making this a HUGE \$ucce\$\$.

Ken Brison -- home 799-2230
Helen Brison -- home 799-2230
Rene Job -- home 799-7914
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THANK YOU NOTES:

Win and I would like to thank the congregation of Westview Methodist Church for all their thoughts kindnesses and best wishes this past week (month), as we prepared to move and at last, have moved. In addition, the brave souls who showed up with trucks, and mop buckets and who put in many hours and a lot of sweat in transferring all our "stuff" to our new location deserve a special "Thank You". As we recover our strength, and make this place our home, we will be around to say thank you in person. God Bless you all. Dale and Win Jennings

Supplies Needed by the Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) Mississippi Emergency Distribution Center

This Distribution Center is supported by UMCOR, who is one of the active partners in VOAD. Because of emerging and critical needs, the Mississippi Center is requesting a wider variety of emergency supplies than those handled by UMCOR.

FOOD Examples:

Water
Pedialite
Baby formula
Can food (anything they can eat out of a can)
(Can openers)
Boxed foods
Gatorade

Peroxide
Rubbing alcohol
Tylenol
Anti diarrhea medicine
Neosporin
Antibiotic spray
4 x 4 Gauze pads
Athletic tape
Diabetic supplies (Needles, test strips, glucose meters, etc.)
Prepackaged health kits

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Cat food
Dog food
Paper towels
Toilet tissue
Disposable diapers
Personal hygiene supplies:
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Combs
Bar soap
Deodorant
Combs and brushes

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Examples:
Bandages (All types)
Rubber gloves
Ace bandages

GULF COAST: AID, PASTORAL CARE REACH HURRICANE SURVIVORS

United Methodist Committee on Relief aid workers and executives are on site in a three-state area of the hurricane-stricken Gulf Coast region, as well consulting with other areas participating in the relief efforts. The goal of UMCOR's initial actions is to empower survivors with comfort, tools, and other assistance as they plan their own recovery.

Mississippi In one action, five truckloads of food and emergency supplies are on their way to displaced persons in Mississippi. More trucks are anticipated later this week. The first early response teams arrived on Sunday to remove debris and begin repairs. Lack of gasoline hampers the influx of teams, according to the Rev. Thomas Hazelwood, UMCOR disaster response executive. In addition sketchy security has endangered delivery of relief supplies. Rev. Hazelwood described a weekend incident in which a truck was stopped at gunpoint along the roadway. For future deliveries state troopers began accompanying the supply trucks.

Alabama Along the section of Alabama coastline adjacent to Mississippi, shrimpers and other workers who depend on the sea have lost their livelihoods, reports the Rev. Kristin L. Sachen, head of UMCOR's emergency services office. She was in the region to partner with United Methodist pastors and bishops in an assessment of response capacity. She noted that persons serving as disaster response coordinators for the annual conferences have themselves experienced damage to their homes.

Louisiana Three UMCOR consultants fanned out over Louisiana on Sunday to learn where volunteers could help. In disasters of this magnitude, UMCOR employs consultants with special training and disaster response skills such as pastoral care and call center start-up. Expected to roll out later this week, a new call center in Baton Rouge will enable coordination of response and relief efforts in the state. Workers at UMCOR Sager Brown, a mission and distribution center, assisted some 1,000 displaced persons with water, blankets, and health kits.

Texas The Rev. Tom Hazelwood meets in Houston this week with Bishop Janice Huie and Texas conference disaster response coordinators. Their goal is to plan for long-term hosting of the large numbers of evacuees flooding the area. The South-West Texas Conference is also making plans.

Your generous gift to UMCOR Advance #982523, Hurricanes 2005 Global, will help hurricane survivors recover. Please write "Hurricane Katrina" if you would like to designate your gift specifically to Hurricane Katrina relief.

Shouldn't lose heart, because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Remember, next time your little hut is burning to the ground -- it just may be a smoke signal that summons the grace of God.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

You say: "It's impossible"

God says: All things are possible (Luke 18:27)

You say: "I'm too tired"

God says: I will give you rest (Matt 11:28-20)

You say: "Nobody really loves me"

God says: I love you (John 3:16 & John 13:34)

You say: "I can't go on"

God says: My grace is sufficient (II Cor.12:9 & Psalm 91:15)

You say: "I can't figure things out"

God says: I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)

You say: "I can't do it"

God says: You can do all things (Phil 4:13)

You say: "I'm not able"

God says: I am able (II Cor.9:8)

You say: "It's not worth it"

God says: It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)

You say: "I can't forgive myself"

God says: I forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)

You say: "I can't manage."

God says: I will supply all your needs (Phil 4:19)

You say: "I'm afraid"

God says: I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Tim. 1:7)

You say: "I'm always worried and frustrated"

God says: Cast all your cares on ME (I Peter 5:7)

You say: "I don't have enough faith"

God says: I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)

You say: "I'm not smart enough"

God says: I give you wisdom (I Cor 1:30)

You say: "I feel all alone"

God says: I will never leave you or forsake you (Heb. 13:5)

Pass this on; you never know whose life may be in need of this today. There are some weeks that we all feel our huts are burning.

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

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- Gary Wedgewood, Pastor
- Rev. Loyd Mabry, Columbia District Superintendent
- Bishop Dick Wills, Tennessee Conference

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

Wednesday Activities

- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice
- 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study



Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
A. Ruthless.

Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds.

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?
A. Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Q. What was the greatest female financier in the Bible?
A. Pharaoh's daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet.

Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
A. Jehovah drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the apostles were all in one Accord.

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
A. Samson. He brought the house down.

Q. What excuse did Adam give to his children as to why he no longer lived in Eden?
A. Your mother ate us out of house and home.

Q. Which servant of God was the most flagrant lawbreaker in the Bible?
A. Moses. He broke all 10 commandments at once.

Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?
A. The area around Jordan. The banks were always overflowing.

Q. Who is the greatest baby sitter mentioned in the Bible?
A. David. He rocked Goliath to a very deep sleep.

Q. Which Bible character had no parents?
A. Joshua, son of Nun.

KEEP SMILING!
GOD LOVES YOU BUNCHES & BUNCHES!

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
Proverbs 9:10