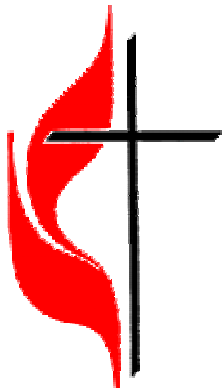


The Good Views

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Church Family

It is hard to believe that it is time for the February newsletter. We have just started the New Year and already the first month is about to come to a close. Time sure passes by in a hurry, does it not?

It seems that we are all busy simply being busy. But, let us not forget to keep fuel in our lamps for if we do not keep our lamps fueled, how can we lead others to Christ?

So, how do we keep our lamps fueled?

I believe that there are three areas that we must address: mind, body and soul.

Mind

Let us read and study in order not only to gain knowledge but also to gain wisdom. Others are seeking the truth in the midst of the world's lies, so how can we respond with the truth without first gaining wisdom?

Body

Yes, we must take care of our bodies for after all it is the temple of God. Friends, I am not going to give you a regime of exercise, diet, etc but I am going to say that we need to take time to take care of the bodies that God has loaned us. It needs the right kind of

nourishment (food, rest, exercise) in order to stay strong so that the challenges of the day can be met and the ministries that God has called us to do can be fulfilled.

Soul

Spend regular time (not sporadic) time with God. Take time to listen as well as to talk with God.

A close relationship can develop only when time is consistently spent with one another. Our relationship with God is no exception. So, take the time to be with God for God welcomes the opportunity to be with you. If you do this, you will be amazed at how even the bumps in the road become manageable.

Furthermore, you will discover that even if you should encounter a mountain in your life, you will feel the presence of the one who is walking up the mountain with you and you will not be discouraged.

Friends, let us keep our minds, bodies, and souls fueled.

Let our light shine – Christ shining brightly through us - for the world is trying to find its way out of the darkness.

Together in Christ service,
Pastor Marti

Confirmation

Who is ready for Confirmation Classes?

Would you like to know more about baptism, salvation, church membership, United Methodist heritage, etc?

Well, this is the class for you. The goal is to begin classes in March with days and times to be determined after some discussion of schedules. Therefore, if you are interested, please, contact

Pastor Marti by phone or by email by **February 15** so that materials can be ordered and classes scheduled.

Wedding Announcement

Several of you have asked when the "big day" is for Pastor Marti. So, here is the information that you have requested. Pastor Marti and Rev. Mike Jeffers are to be married on April 25, 2009 at 1:00 pm in Brookland,

Arkansas at the home church of Pastor Marti's daughter.

Thank you for your blessings and best wishes.

Pastor Marti and Brother Mike



Vacation Bible School Preview and Training



Hosted by Calvary UMC
February 20, 2009.
8:30 a.m. til 12:00 noon

We will leave from the church at 7:45, and will have lunch together following the program.

If you are interested in attending, let Joelle or Kim Bell know.

Columbia District Lay Speaker Training

Attendance both days is required and will be at Epworth UMC - Historic Sanctuary (7th) and Craft UMC (14th). The two days will run from 7:45 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

There will be a Basic course and two Advanced courses (*Justice in Everyday Life, A*

study of the United Methodist Social Principals AND Lay Speakers Grow Spiritually Through Daily Discipline.

Certified Lay Speakers are reminded that they must recertify every three years. Cost is \$40 and includes a "working" lunch. Current Certified Lay Speakers and

Clergy are invited to be part of the training team. Contact Rex Thigpen (thigpen@comcast.net) Dawn Yelverton (d.yelverton@hotmail.com) or the Columbia District Office.

Flyers are available on the church office bulletin board.

Safe Sanctuaries and Sexual Ethics

Sponsored by the Conference Committee on Sexual Ethics

This is a training for all clergy and interested laypersons in the Tennessee Conference to gain new insights into personal and professional sexual ethics and how to help

congregations provide safe and nurturing ministries for children and youth.

Sexual Ethics & Safe Sanctuaries are required for clergy; laypeople are

encouraged to attend for vital information about safe sanctuaries. This is a new training began in Sept., 2005.

Sexual Ethics Training

March 20 & 21, 2009

Conference Center - Nashville, TN

Safe Sanctuaries Training

March 27 & 28, 2009

Bethlehem UMC—Franklin, TN 37064
2419 Bethlehem Loop

Bishop Dick Wills writes, “ I am delighted our Conference is having this important training. It is my expectation every pastor in the conference

will take this opportunity to make our churches safer for people of all ages. We live in a time when our own training and awareness as pastors are

vital if our churches are to be safe places and our own lives are to reflect the very character of Jesus.”

To register, send a check for \$20 per day made payable to the Tennessee Conference BOM.

Send payment to:

Rev. Susan Padgett
304 S. Perimeter Park Drive,
Suite 6
Nashville, TN 37211-4167

Registration fees are neither refundable no transferable.
These are two-day events!

Tennessee Annual Conference Scholarship Program

Once again the Tennessee Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry is offering scholarship funding for the 2009/2010 academic year. This scholarship requires the student to be enrolled (or be planning to enroll) in a United Methodist-related college or university.

The applicant must:

- Be a full, active member of

the United Methodist Church (for at least one year prior to application)

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States
- Have a 3.0 or above grade point average
- Be an undergraduate student (or will be in the Fall) at a United Methodist-related college or university

Applications must be received in the Conference Office by April 1, 2009. The student select will be asked to attend the meeting of the Tennessee Annual Conference in June.

Please see Pastor Marti for more information. Applications are available in the church office.

Tennessee Conference Volunteers in Mission

Trips, Training, and Scholarships

In order to promote the continued growth in the number of individuals and churches serving Christ through Volunteers in Mission trips, Conference Mercy and Mission will be providing several opportunities to **SERVE, LEARN, GIVE, and RECEIVE**.

For more details contact Rev. Jason Brock at JBrock@tnumc.org or 615-329-117.



- SERVE** Conference-sponsored trips to the Gulf Coast and Guatemala will be held later this year, dates and info TBA at VIM pat at www.tnumc.org. Check their also to see where different church/district led teams are going (at least those that have been shared with us).
- LEARN** Ever wanted to lead a VIM Team (or wanted some pointers)? VIM Leadership Training will be planned for the Spring. In the mean time, give us a ring and someone would be glad to help provide some assistance in preparing and planning a trip.
- GIVE** Support others in mission by making gifts to the VIM Conference Advance Special, more than a dozen scholarships were awarded in 2008 due to generous gifts.
- RECEIVE** Scholarships will be offered up to 4 times per year to provide financial incentives for participation in a VIM experience.

VIM Scholarships

Details

- 2+ scholarships per quarter, as applications an funding are available
- Awards normally range from \$200-500 and are up to 1/2 trip cost
- Priority will be given to persons on a 1st VIM trop, younger adults (no specific age), and person with financial need

Date of Your VIM Trip	Application Deadline
April, May, June 2009	February 2, 2009
July, August, September 2009	May 1, 2009
October, November, December 2009	August 17, 2009
January, February, March 2010	November 2, 2009

Please register online at tnumc.org (VIM page) or send scholarship requests to: TN Conference VIM, 304 S. Perimeter Park Drive, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37211 or JBrock@tnumc.org. Emailed or mailed requests should provide the following information on a separate page.

Name, Address, Phone number, Email address, Year of birth, Date and place of VIM Trip, Total cost of trip, Team Leader name and contact information, Past VIM experience (yes or no), Your financial need (low, moderate, high).

Tennessee Conference UMC Apportionments for 2009

Several church members have asked, "How much are our apportionments?" and "What does our apportionments pay for?". Here is the breakdown of our apportionments from the Tennessee Conference.

Fund	Fund Name	Total Apportionment	Suggested Quarterly Payment	Suggested Monthly Payment
11	Clergy Pensions	7,029.00	1,757.00	586.00
12	Clergy Health Plan	10,528.00	2,632.00	877.00
13	District Superintendents	2,116.00	529.00	176.00
14	Episcopal Fund	879.00	22.022	73.00
15	Equitable Compensation	795.00	199.00	66.00
21	Interdenominational Co-op	87.00	22.00	7.00
22	General Administration	361.00	90.00	30.00
23	Jurisdictional Fund	233.00	56.00	19.00
24	Conference Administration	1,742.00	436.00	145.00
25	District Administration	1,527.00	382.00	127.00
30	Connectional Ministries	2,922.00	731.00	244.00
31	World Service	3,237.00	809.00	270.00
32	Ministerial Education	1,120.00	280.00	93.00
33	Black College Fund	447.00	112.00	37.00
34	Africa University Fund	100.00	25.00	8.00
51	Miriam's Promise	294.00	74.00	25.00
52	Archives & History	173.00	43.00	14.00
52	Board of Ordained ministry	472.00	118.00	39.00
54	Higher Education/Campus Ministry	1,790.00	448.00	149.00
55	Congregational Development	875.00	219.00	73.00
56	Conference Headquarters Building	150.00	38.00	13.00
58	Martin Methodist College	1,657.00	414.00	138.00
59	McKendree Village	592.00	148.00	49.00
60	Religion and Race	25.00	6.00	2.00
61	Status and Role of Women	12.00	3.00	1.00
62	Lake Junaluska	70.00	18.00	6.00
63	Clergy Effectiveness	13.00	3.00	1.00
64	Camping & Outdoor Ministries	239.00	60.00	5.00
65	Board of Laity	64.00	16.00	5.00
	Total 2009 Apportionments	39,539.00	9,888.00	3,293.00

February Birthdays

6 Jackie Burkett
 10 John Stark
 10 Kim Tenney
 11 Scott Renner
 13 Cindy Mangrum
 16 James Bloodworth
 17 Marisa Jackson
 19 Gwen Brison
 24 Dale Jennings
 25 Roy Murdoch
 27 Terry Thornhill



February Anniversaries

02/22/1959 Ira & Frankie Bourgoyne



January Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

January 4th	8:30 am	56	10:30 am	88	6:00 pm	Total:	144
January 11th	8:30 am	49	10:30 am	117	6:00 pm	27 Total	166
January 18th	8:30 am	50	10:30 am	109	6:00 pm	44 Total	159
January 25th	8:30 am	55	10:30 am	111	6:00 pm	Total	166
Average Sunday Services		53		106		36	159

January Giving

Apportionments	130.00	Cook Book	60.00
Fellowship Meal	176.53	General Fund	13,078.78
Graceworks	159.00	Memorial Fund	25.00
Parsonage Fund	300.00	Parsonage Payoff	150.00
Parsonage Repair	100.00	Penner Baby Gift	95.00
Preschool Tuition	2,533.00	Sunday School	171.81
Sunday School Books	141.00	Thanksgiving Auction	40.00
VBS	50.00	Youth	350.00
Total Giving: \$ 17,546.34			

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

**OS3 York, Evett M.
OI Division**

USS Chancellorsville
CG62
FPO AP 9662-1182
San Diego, CA 92136
Deployed to the Persian Gulf on
May 19th for 6 months.

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.

HSC-22
1029 Bellinger Blvd.
Norfolk, VA 23511-222
Serving in the United States Navy

PVT2 Fold, Eric

C Co. 3-75 Box 29
Fort Benning GA 31905
Serving in the US Army
Soon he will start his 5th
deployment.

Brittain Mangrum

1903B Humphrey Road
Ft. Bliss, TX 79906
Serving in the US Army

PFC, Leek, Joshua J.

1566 Bruce Drive
Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901
Serving in the US Marine Reserve

PVT Jessica Spivey

L.R.M.C.
C-MROT Box 2003
APO AE 09180

2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster

Still serving but moving often.
Keep her in your prayers.
Serving in the US Air Force

PCF Brison, Michael R.

7114 Boone Street
Fairview, TN 37062
Serving in the Marine Reserve

Save the date...Mark your calendars.

VBS is coming, June 1st—5th. We will be going on an adventure to "Experience and Discover God Everywhere," with Camp E.D.G.E. We need lots of volunteers, so make plans to join us. It's always a lot of fun. There will be a VBS preview and training, February 20th at Calvary UMC in Nashville, for those that can make it. We look forward to another exciting VBS. If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer, please talk with Joelle Chappell or Kim Bell.



Lectionary Readings for February

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111 (UMH 832); 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

February 2, 2009

The Presentation of the Lord/Candlemas

Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 24 (UMH 755); Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

February 8, 2009

Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c (UMH 859); 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 15, 2009

Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30 (UMH 762); 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

February 22, 2009

**Transfiguration Sunday
(Last Sunday After the Epiphany)**

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6 (UMH 783); 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 25, 2009

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Psalm 51:1-17 (UMH 785)
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

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change lives."***

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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship
11:30 AM Bells of Zion Hand bell Practice
6:00 PM Sunday Night Gathering

Wednesday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Fellowship
6:30 PM Chancel Choir Practice

Thursday Activities

7:00-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group
First and Third Thursdays