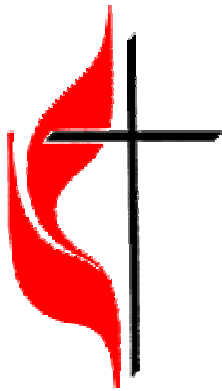


The Good Views

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Church Family

Can you believe it?

It is already February and I am not yet used to writing 2010.

Time gets away from us, does it not?

Well, it is time to slip into gear for there is much to do in the next few months.

That is right, for it almost time for the season of Lent, 40 days of penance that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17) and ends with Holy Saturday (the day before Easter). It is during these days of Lent that we intentionally prepare ourselves for Easter.

The forty days represent the forty days that Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. The Sundays during this forty-day period are not counted because each Sunday represents a "mini-Easter" as a reminder that Jesus was and is victorious over sin and death.

So, how do we intentionally prepare for Easter?

Many people decide to deprive themselves of something that they really enjoy such as chocolates, sweets or time in front of the TV as an act of sacrifice.

This is not a bad thing.

But, I pray that we all take this one-step further.

Let us take the money that we would usually spend on what we are sacrificing during lent and find a place for it to be used as a ministry.

What ministry?

The answer could be as simple as extending a dinner invitation to your neighbors who are having a difficult time during this economic situation. Sometimes a little conversation, laughter, and time with friends can help brighten a person's outlook.

On the other hand, you may wish to make a charitable donation with this newfound money.

But, what if it is time that you are sacrificing?

Well, you may choose to use your time to visit the elderly and homebound in your community who have few visitors or you may wish to spend your time serving meals at a soup kitchen or stocking shelves at a food pantry.

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Church Family, continued.

Yes, there are choices to be made as to how we will prepare for Easter.

So, let us all take the time to pray and listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Then, whatever we are sacrificing will no longer be the center of our thoughts for our sacrifice will no longer be a sacrifice but an opportunity to share the love of Christ with others.

Together in Preparation for Easter,

Pastor Marti

WOW Valentine's Bake Sale

WOW will be having a Valentine's Bake Sale on **Saturday, February 13th** from 9 A.m. until 3 p.m.

We all know Westview has a lot of great cooks, and we know you have special recipes for baked goods. That's what we want you to

make - cookies, pies, cakes, candy, anything that is your specialty is what you should make for the Bake Sale.

Please, everyone put your baking skills to work and help make this a great success!



SPREAD THE WORD –
invite one and all to the bake sale!

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts at Westview

At the end of 2009 Westview UMC was asked to take on the sponsorship of the Fairview Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop. Following the long lasting support of Scouting in the Methodist

church, Westview is now the Chartering



Organization for Cub Scout Pack 309 and Boy Scout Troop 297.

Just as any other ministry, WUMC will help the scout units grow. Both the Pack and Troop have strong programs and unit committees. The Pack and Troop serves about 70 boys and young men in the Fairview Community. The Cub Scout Program is for boys first grade through fifth

grade. The Boy Scout program is for boys sixth grade through twelfth grade. We are hoping to start a Venture Crew that will serve boys and girls ages 14-21.

If you would like to be involved with any of these programs or know of a boy that would like to become a Scout, please contact Bob Bowser at 799-0451 or bobbowser@comcast.net.

Winter Jam 2010.

Winter Jam 2010 (2/21/2010) at the Sommet Center \$10 at the door. Third Day, Newsboys, Tenth Avenue North, Fireflight and more!!!! Hosted by Newsong!!!!

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THIS AMAZING EVENING OF WORSHIP AND GREAT MUSIC!!!!

Call Jesse Chappell for info at 509-5435/ Feb 14th after church there will be a transportation planning meeting

Outreach Committee 2009 Ministry Recap

The Outreach Committee would like to let everyone know what we have been up to in this past year:

We have supported the Miriam's Promise mission to help in adoption services.



We have continued our support of Graceworks Ministries.



We were successful in promoting The Heifer Project as a mission during Vacation bible School. We were able to purchase two goats and that gift will continue on giving as they "pass on the gift"!!!



We support our local food pantry, Helping Hands, by collecting food donations year round



We provided 60 coats to area elementary school students who needed them.

We provided about 200 children with Christmas gifts through the gift Tree program.



We teamed up with WUMC youth and Helping Hands to provide ALL of the Maple Village residents with household baskets full of

cleaning supplies and other useful items at Christmas time.



Thank you to everyone who donated their time, talents and financial resources to the projects of the Outreach Committee!

And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? And the king will answer them. "Truly I tell you, you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Mathew 25:38-40

Haiti: A Call for Help

Haiti Emergency: Advance #418325

Haiti Emergency

We are working with our partners on the ground to provide immediate relief to the people in Haiti, "says Melissa Crutchfield, UMCOR's international disaster response executive. "UMCOR is coordination with the Methodist Church of Haiti to send a team to assist with relief efforts."

In the short term UMCOR is responding to basic needs for food and shelter. In the weeks, months and years ahead, UMCOR will stay to provide for those who are homeless, injured, and bereft.

UMCOR is working with partners, Action by Churches Together, Church World Service, Global Medic and the Methodist Church to respond effectively to the people of Haiti after this devastating earthquake shook the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince on Jan. 12. Haiti is often referred to as "the poorest of the poor." 100 percent of your donation will go to help the people of Haiti.

How to Give

Year after year UMCOR's greatest need is for funds that aide international emergency relief efforts. Please give to Haiti Emergency, UMCOR Advance #418325. Include the Advance # and name on the memo line of your check.

Online: www.umcorhaiti.org

By Offering: For local church and Annual Conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday. **Make checks payable to WUMC** and put "Haiti" or "Advance #418325" on the memo line of your check.

By Check: Make your check to UMCOR and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

By Credit Card: Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

Health Kits Needed

UMCOR Sager Brown in Baldwin, LA., and UMCOR West, Salt Lake City, UT., are accepting much-needed health kits for distribution to Haiti. Health kits provide basic necessities to those affected by natural disasters or human conflict. The kits also serve as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. A health Kit includes:

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (tooth paste purchased by Sager Brown)

All kits must contain EXACTLY these items or they can not be shipped. No personal notes or extra money, etc.

Contact: UMCOR Sager Brown Depot, 1-800-814-8765 or UMCOR West Office and Depot at 1-801-973-7250.

February Birthdays

- 5 Harold Scott
- 6 Jackie Burkett
- 10 John Stark
- 10 Kim Tenney
- 11 Scott Renner
- 11 Chad Rainey
- 13 Cindy Mangrum
- 16 James Bloodworth
- 17 Marisa Jackson
- 19 Gwen Brison
- 24 Dale Jennings
- 25 Roy Murdoch



February Anniversaries

01/14 Kevin & Patti Carroll

January Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

January 3rd	8:30 am	28	10:30 am	85	No Gathering	Total:	113
January 10th	8:30 am	30	10:30 am	80	No Gathering	Total	110
January 17th	8:30 am	40	10:30 am	79	6:00 pm	11 Total	119
January 24th	8:30 am	48	10:30 am	91	No Gathering	Total	139
January 31st	8:30 am	10	10:30 am	46	No Gathering	Total	56
Average Sunday Services		31		76		11	107

January Giving

AA	40.00	Bible Study Books	20.00
Choir	60.00	Family Night Meal	1,521.00
Fellowship Meal	182.00	General Fund	10,354.00
Graceworks	17.00	Human Relations Day	21.00
Preschool Tuition	2,224.00	Roof Fund	5,120.00
Sunday School	58.81	UMCOR—Haiti	385.00

January Total Giving: 19,999.81—Year to Date Total: \$19,998.81
 Monthly Budget Goal: \$16,185.00 Monthly Budget Giving: \$10,412.81

Budget Goal YTD: \$16,185.00 YTD Budget giving: \$10,412.81

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting Our Country

OS2 York, Evett M.
OI Division
 USS Chancellorsville
 CG62
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 San Diego, CA 92136
 Serving in the United States Navy
 Stationed in San Diego until next
 deployment in May 2009.

PFC Brittain Mangrum
 CSC Cedar 2
 F/1-77AR
 COB Adder
 APO AE, 09331
 Serving in the US Army, deployed
 to Iraq

PFC Chad Hitzeman
EFSC 208 CAV IBCT ICD
APO AE09344
 (Rose Kephart's brother)
 Serving in the US Army, deployed
 to Iraq

Dr. Cpt. Katherine Ivey
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 Serving in the US Air Force

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 3-24 I CO 2nd PLT
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 Serving in the Marine Reserve

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 Serving in the US Marine Reserve,
 deployed to Iraq

Next Wow Meeting

Monday, February 8th @11:00 am. Bring your sack lunch and join us. All are welcome.

Sunday Night Gathering

The next Sunday Night Gathering will be March 7th at 6:00 pm. Join us for a time of devotion, prayer and congregational singing. Future dates and format of gatherings will be discussed. Bring finger foods to share with others during the fellowship after the service.

Lectionary Readings for February

December 6, 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 6:1-13
 Psalm 138 (UMH 853)
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 Luke 5:1-11

February 14, 2010

Transfiguration Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35
 Psalm 99 (UMH 819)
 2 Corinthians 3:12 4:2
 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43)

February 17, 2010

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

February 21, 2010

First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (UMH 810)
 Romans 10:8b-13
 Luke 4:1-13

February 28, 2010

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27 (UMH 758)
 Philippians 3:17 4:1
 Luke 13:31-35



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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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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

4:30 Teen Bible Study

6:00 PM Sunday Night Gathering

Wednesday Activities

5:30—Family Night Fellowship Meal

6:30-8:00 PM - Youth Fellowship, Chancel
Choir Practice, Sprouts, Happy Hands, and
Adult Activities

Thursday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM Men's Bible Study

First and Third Thursdays