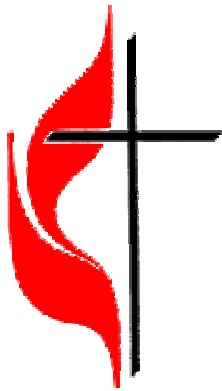


The Good Views

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Church Family

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the season of Lent, 40 days of penance that begins on Ash Wednesday (February 25) 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?

We take time for some self-examination and reflection. We put our focus on our relationship with God and we do this by either giving up something or giving of ourselves for others.

So, are you giving up something during Lent? Many give up such things as deserts, some of their TV time, video games or dinners out.

But, if you are giving up something, what are you replacing these items with? What I am asking is this, “What are you doing with your extra money and/or time”?

Make use of it. Put your extras (time and/or money) to good use. Give to someone who does not have. Help those who cannot do for themselves. Spend some extra time with God – through the scriptures and in prayer. Volunteer at a soup kitchen, donation center, etc.

Do not concentrate on whatever you have given up but concentrate on what you have gained. Make a difference in the world and in your relationship with God.

Let us all be intentional in preparing for Easter.

Together in Christ’s service,

Pastor Marti

Bellevue UMC to present "The Man from Aldersgate"

Bellevue United Methodist Church will host the one-man play *The Man From Aldersgate* on Friday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Actor Roger Nelson portrays John Wesley, founder of the United

Methodist Church, in a performance that brings Wesley and his dynamic ministry to life. The play is adapted directly from the Journals of John Wesley and has won numerous awards. There is no cost to attend;

however, a free will offering will be taken. A reception to meet the actor will follow the performance in Greer Hall. The church is located at 7501 Old Harding Pike in Nashville. For more information, call 646-4146.

Wedding Invitation

Westview Family,

You are invited to the wedding of the Reverends Marti Bunch and Mike Jeffers on April 25, 2009 in Brookland, Arkansas at 1:00 pm. Please, inform Pastor

Marti by March 22 if you are able to attend. (Location details are on bulletin board next to office). Thank you for your blessings and your prayers.

Pastor Marti and Brother Mike



CRASH-B Sprint World Record Broken

It appears that we have a World Record Breaker in our congregation and as it turns out, it's not his first World Record broken. Our very own Joe Clinard competed in the 2009 CRASH-B Sprint Indoor World Championships on February 22 in the Veteran Men (Age 90-94) class and broke the World Record with a final time of 10:07.3

You can read more in this excerpt from *An Erger Rows Through It: CRASH-B's 2009* by E.B. Walker on row2k.com.

The 2009 head count of 2,150 registered competitors was

deemed low this year due to the recession - foreign and American populations alike were less teeming than in years past - but about five world records were still broken here. What was once an informal and nearly inane erging reunion has become the world's foremost indoor rowing competition, though I feel that that word "competition" does not do justice to the pain nor the magnitude of the races.

As is the case at sporting war, the best battles to watch were the most unequaled: Mr. Paul Randall was the oldest competitor, having completed 91 years of age, and Mr. Dick

Cashin won the 55-59 Heavy Men's age group by shattering the previously German-held record by two seconds, lowering the already low bar to a 6:18.6 seconds. **Mr. Joe Clinard gave the 90-94 Heavy Men's World Record an unprecedented beating, shaving sixty seconds off the prior 11 minute benchmark.**

Congratulations Joe!



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!

WUMC Plant Sale

A week of warmer-than-usual February days has led to an outbreak of Spring fever. That in turn has led to thoughts of Westview's annual Plant Sale. Last year was both fun and profitable for the church; we can do even better this year if we start getting ready now. If you have houseplants, please take cuttings to root. If you have perennials in your flower beds, please divide the

clumps as soon as they fully break ground. If you start seeds, either flowers or vegetables, plant extra for your friends at Westview. Bring your contributions to the sale in plastic pots, cottage cheese containers or other disposable plastic tubs. Each should have a tag with name and optimal growing conditions, like shade, or full sun. As usual, the Plant Sale will be held in the Fellowship

Hall on the first Sunday in May during Sunday School hour and after second service.

Pre-shoppers are welcome during first service.



Girl Scouts need yarn



Girl Scout Troop 881 needs yarn donations to help them complete their Silver Award Service Project. The

girls are knitting scarves for a battered women's shelter.

Please contact Becky Hess, 799-5435.

WE NEED YOU!!!!

Church-Wide **YARD / BASEMENT / PICNIC SHELTER SALE** April 18, 2009

It may be hard to believe, but once again, it is time to begin thinking about the semi-annual **YARD SALE** at Westview!!! And, as always, we need you to help make it the biggest and best ever. What can you do?? Please consider one or more of the following:

First – Donate unwanted/ unneeded furniture, appliances, household and outdoor items, toys, clothing, cars, trucks, diamonds, gold, etc., etc, etc. Items can be brought to the church basement beginning Easter Sunday (after Sunday School) and during the week following. If you have something that needs cleared out in advance, please contact Ken or Helen Brison, or Rene Job, for arrangements. [Just a note – if you do actually have gold or diamonds to donate, please

let us know, so we can reassess security (ha).]

So, see what you can find and donate it to the church-wide yard sale which will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 8:00 till 4:00 in the basement, yard and picnic shelter. This is the Saturday following Easter and the Saturday before Pastor Marti's wedding. Don't worry about whether it's "good enough". Remember, your trash is someone else's treasure (figuratively speaking). We'll take anything!!

Second – Volunteer to assist the pre-sale activities, which include advertising, announcements, signage, and more importantly – set-up on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday prior to the sale.

Third – Volunteer on April 18th for a fun and busy day, helping people become informed of all the great bargains and helping them carry all these bargains to their vehicles. Also, continual

straightening and condensing is needed.

Fourth – Shop, shop, shop, and take some of the great bargains home with you. And as always, donations are greatly appreciated.

The yard sale is being sponsored by the Parsonage Payoff Committee and all proceeds will be used to pay off the note on the parsonage. Remember, paying off the note as fast as possible will allow us to use the interest savings and future yard sale proceeds for other church ministries. **WE NEED YOU** to help make this one the best ever!!

Ken Brison -- home 799-2230, cell 812-0958

Helen Brison – home 799-2230

Rene Job – home 799-7914
Westview UMC 799-0250

Tennessee Conference United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries:

Looking for Fun Outdoor Activities in 2009? The Tennessee Conference United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries has an event for you! Activities for all ages, children, youth, adults

and families are planned from April through December. Please see the flyer on the church office bulletin board for event dates. To register or form more detailed information and pricing, please see their website at:

www.tnumcamps.org. Or you can reach them by email at tnumcamps@tnumc.org.

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

2010 Sager Brown Mission Team

Our second Columbia District Sager Brown mission team had a successful week Jan. 4-9, 2009. We have a reservation for at least 20 mission team members to return to Sager Brown in Baldwin, Louisiana **Jan. 3-8, 2010**.

We already have two committed to the 2010 mission team. If you decide to participate you will

need to send a non-refundable registration fee of \$20 (make a check out to "Columbia District UMC") to Gary Wedgewood, 300 7th Ave., Columbia, TN 38401, as soon as possible and your place on the 2010 team will be reserved.

Normally the cost for food and lodging at Sager Brown is an additional \$185. This is due 1/2

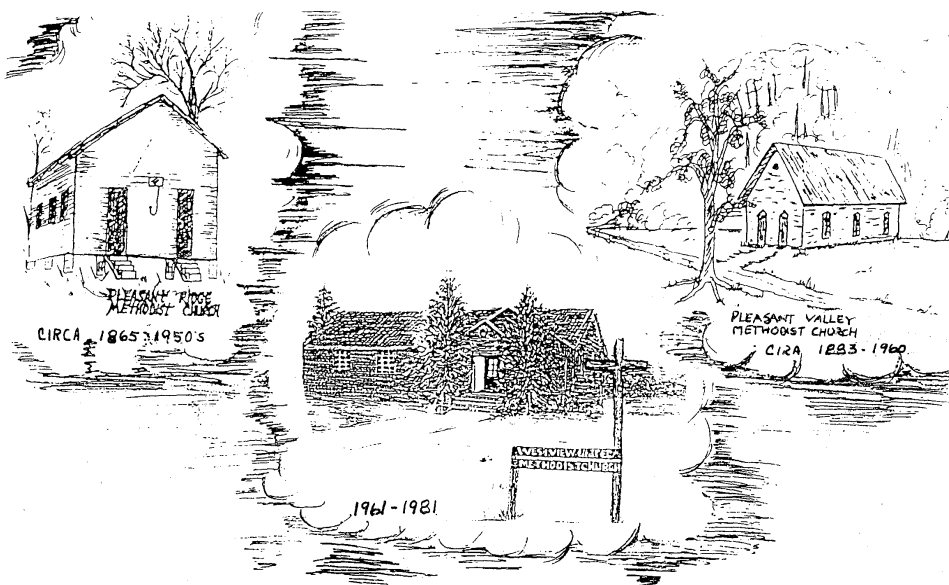
Nov. 1st and the balance on Dec. 1st. There will be some cost for transportation (usually about \$50) and you will need to pay for some meal while traveling and on Wednesday night during that week.

Anniversary Sunday

Westview UMC will celebrate our anniversary on **Sunday, March 15, 2009**.

We will have a combined 10:30 service and Rev. Gary Wedgewood will be our guest speaker.

There will be a potluck dinner after the service. Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend.



March Birthdays

- 2 Aubrey Daugherty
- 2 Angie Stevens
- 3 Joe Bock
- 4 Jackie Jackson
- 4 Shelby Hess
- 4 Claire Grady
- 5 Daniel Lampley
- 7 Ken Brison
- 8 Debbie Leek
- 8 Jackson Turner
- 9 Renee Bowser



- 11 Brigitte Sanders
- 13 Reeves Havens
- 14 Beverly Scales
- 22 Darrah Thornhill



March Anniversaries

3/11—Ed and Sherry Glasgow

February Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

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|--------------------------------|---------|-----------|----------|------------|---------|-----------------|------------|
| February 1st | 8:30 am | 50 | 10:30 am | 89 | 6:00 pm | Total: | 139 |
| February 8th | 8:30 am | 54 | 10:30 am | 92 | 6:00 pm | Total | 146 |
| February 15th | 8:30 am | 37 | 10:30 am | 88 | 6:00 pm | 30 Total | 125 |
| February 22nd | 8:30 am | 37 | 10:30 am | 106 | 6:00 pm | 52 Total | 143 |
| Average Sunday Services | | 45 | | 91 | | 41 | 138 |

February Giving

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|--------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------|
| AA | 40.00 | Apportionments | 65.00 |
| Cook Book | 48.00 | Fellowship Meal | 264.00 |
| General Fund | 8,302.00 | Graceworks | 159.00 |
| Ladies of WUMC Bake Sale | 946.70 | Memorial Fund | 50.00 |
| Parsonage Payoff | 50.00 | Preschool Day Camp | 20.00 |
| Preschool Tuition | 2,283.00 | Sunday School | 67.64 |
| Sunday School Books | 11.00 | Youth | 100.00 |

February Total Giving: \$ 12,383.34—Year to Date Total: \$29,929.68

February First Sunday Food Donations

We had a special Baby Formula Collection this month and we collected; 18 packages of formula, 2 packages of diapers, 20 cans of food, and 6 packages of dry goods.

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

Joseph Allen Clinard
 Serving in the US Army

Chad Hitzeman
 (Rose Kephart's brother)
 Serving in the US Army, deployed
 to Iraq

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

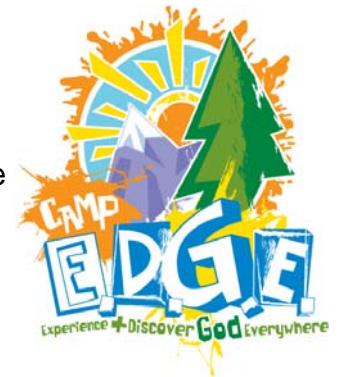
PVT Jessica Spivey
 L.R.M.C.
 C-MROT Box 2003
 APO AE 09180

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. 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 March

March 1, 2009

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10 (UMH 756)

1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

March 22, 2009

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (UMH 830)

Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

March 8, 2009

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31 (UMH 752)

Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

March 29, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785)

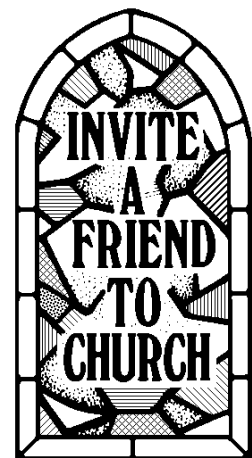
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

March 15, 2009

Third Sunday in Lent

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 (UMH 750)

1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22



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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