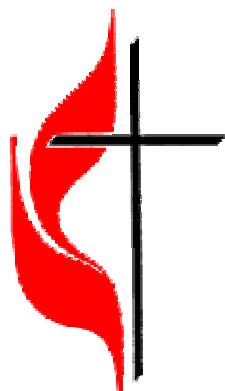


The Good Views

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Will We Be Ready For Them?

Unless you have been living under a rock some place you know that Fairview and the surrounding community is on the verge of some very significant growth and development. With the recent improvements in the water/sewer system building permits are again being issued. With the agreement worked out to sell a few acres of Bowie Park a major new commercial development is on the horizon. With work on 840 started again in the few years that last leg of the interstate will be completed. And work has already begun to help bring to fruition the vision of new businesses for the Town Center. All this and more is coming together to produce growth for the community of Fairview.

The question I ask is, will we be ready for them? Will we, the people of Westview United Methodist Church, be prepared to welcome and receive into the life of our congregation a significant portion of the new people who will be coming to live in our community? Will we make sure the things are in place at our church that will make our facility and our congregation inviting and desirable for individuals and families looking for a church home?

Ask yourself, what impression do we give to new persons who drive into our parking lot on Sunday for the first time? What does it say that church members regularly park in the visitor parking spaces? What does it say to them that

they have to walk through dirt, gravel or mud to get in the front door? What does it say that there is no one designated to greet them when they enter? What does it say that the roof is patched and worn?

Now, don't get me wrong, Westview is a very friendly church and there are many things we have going for us that make people want to worship with us each week. But the question I am asking is, are we doing all we can to help put our best foot forward as we reach out to all the new people who will be coming into the Fairview community in the next few years?

Think about it!

Grace and peace,
Ed Britt

Red Scarf Project—2008

A letter from the Orphan Foundation of America thanks our WUMC group for 35 scarves sent last fall. And, they would love to receive more this fall!

This project sends hand-made (knit or crochet) scarves all over the U.S. to older foster youth in post-secondary education and training programs. The scarves are included in an annual Valentine's Day Care Package, and students respond to the gesture of concern and encouragement.



Guidelines remain the same. Use soft, good quality yarn that

is red-toned or neutral. Recommended length is 60 inches and width 5-8 inches. Scarves must be mailed between September 1 and October 15, 2008 (We gather them here and mail in one box).

Volunteers there sort and process them for inclusion in the Care Package. Last year they received 15,000 scarves!! (in 2006, 800 youth aged-out of foster care without a support system in TN alone).

This is a volunteer project that can be done on your own time in your own place—home, traveling, lunch hour, etc.

Submitted by Pat Murdoch

We welcome last year's knitters and crocheters to participate again, and invite others to join us. If you would like to participate, please call Pat Murdoch (799-9053) or Wardie Lewis (799-2421) to indicate your interest, and to let us know if a beginning meeting would be helpful. The Red Scarf project has a website at www.orphan.org.

Save CHANGE for world change

1. Every day 43,000 children become orphans around the world.
2. Nearly 11 million children die each year before their fifth birthday. (World Hunger Facts)
3. There are 60 million orphaned and vulnerable children in Africa due to HIV/AIDS, conflict and poverty.
4. More than 30,000 children have been abducted & forced to serve as child soldiers in Uganda. (George Town Journal)
5. In 2006, 2.9 million people died from AIDS, 2.1 million of those are in Sub-Saharan Africa. (Info Change Books and Reports)
6. In 2003 an estimated 12.3 % of all children in Sub-Saharan Africa were orphans. (Orphans and Vulnerable Children)
7. 2 million Ugandans have been

orphaned, 880,000* as a result of AIDS alone (*UNAIDS).

In Africa , there are over 60 million orphaned and vulnerable children (HIV/AIDS, conflict, disability, street children). These staggering numbers will have impact on a family, community, and a nation's future. In Uganda , the future for many of these children will be changed through the work of Watoto.

Raising the next generation of Ugandan leaders is Watoto's number one focus. It is their mission, purpose, and passion. They place these parentless children in families where unconditional love, spiritual discipleship, care and nurture, and the meeting of their physical needs take place. These children

will grow up to be change agents for Uganda . If these children are equipped with essential moral values and life skills they truly can live lives of significance and lasting impact. For additional information on the Ministry of the Watoto community go to www.Watoto.com.

The Westview UMC Outreach Committee is asking for your help. Between April 6, 2008 and August 3, 2008, the Outreach Committee is collecting change. By collecting change in a small plastic cup and bringing it to church each time it's full, you can be a change agent. Plastic cups with Watoto Ministry are available in the Narthex for everyone interested in **Saving Change for World Change**.



Sunshine Committee



The Risk-Taking and Service Missions Committee (Outreach)

met this month to reorganize the Sunshine Committee,

which reaches the needs of our church members.

Wardie Lewis will oversee this committee. Kim Bell will help in her absence. Pat Murdock, Joelle Chappell, Karen Saunders, and Beverly Scales

will further assist.

We need assistance from our church members as well.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you.

Dear Westview Church Family,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the wonderful prayers, cards, love, support and the fruit basket given to me and my family during Caitlin's illness. I truly have felt God's hand throughout this time in our lives and I believe that it was the prayers of many that saved her life when they weren't holding out much hope. Again, thank you for all your continuous love and support.

Love, Chris Brison, Caitlin & Family.

Dear Westview Friends,

Thanks to all who had a part in our 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration. It was a great day for us and all of you helped make it.

Love,

Ken & Helen Brison

Dear Friends at Westview,

Thank you so much for your expressions of sympathy, cards and calls during the loss of my Mom. The gift of Gideon Bibles is especially appreciated as my mom prided herself on teaching all of her children about Jesus. I know she would be delighted to know the good news about her Lord is going to be passed on to someone else!

God bless,
Rose & Dewey Kephart and Family

Pocketsfull of Friends

In each issue of Pockets magazine (A Christian publication for children ages 6-12) there is a page entitled *Pocketsful of Friends*. We publish the pictures of 6 or 7 or 8 children who are between

the ages of 5 and 12, telling their names, ages, state, and what they and their friends like to do. Our very own Faith Jackson was featured in a 2007 issue of Pockets. They are always looking for children

for this feature and want to give us the opportunity for our younger friends to be featured in Pockets.

May Birthdays

1-May Morgan Holt
 6-May Josh Sharber
 8-May Syble Stinson
 8-May Christian Bell
 8-May Mark Brison
 9-May Christian Lee
 10-May Michael Stevens
 11-May Brittany Saunders
 14-May Haley Raines
 16-May Tate Bell
 16-May Joyce Mangrum
 23-May Rachel Sharber
 27-May Steven Brison



28-May Aidan Bell
 29-May Tim Phillips
 30-May Ken Hess



May Anniversaries

5/14/1971 - Max & Brigitte Sanders
 05/19 - Loyce & Joyce Mangrum
 5/21/1994 - Phil & Rene Job
 5/25/1996 - Christian & Kim Bell
 05/31 - Willie & Linda Anderson

April Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

April 6th	8:30 am	39	10:30 am	91	Total:	130
April 13th	8:30 am	44	10:30 am	92	Total	136
April 20th	8:30 am	46	10:30 am	106	Total	152
April 27th	8:30 am	48	10:30 am	94	Total	142
Average Sunday Services		44		96		140

April Giving

AA	20.00	Apportionments	520.00
Art Academy	5.00	Fellowship Meal	177.00
Fellowship of Christian Athletes	20.00	General Fund	10,790.99
Graceworks	11.00	Long Term Relief Committee	11,343.25
Miriam's Promise	26.45	Native American Sunday	92.00
Parsonage Payoff	250.00	Preschool Day Camp	684.00
Preschool Tuition	2,957.20	Sunday School	64.35
Youth	200.00		

Total Giving: \$ 27,141.24—\$1,500.00 Paid on Apportionments in April, \$3,000 ytd.

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting our Country

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

USS Chancellorsville
CG62

FPO AP 9662-1182

San Diego, CA 92136

Serving in the United States Navy.

He is still stationed in San Diego, he goes out sea on training exercises and expects to be deployed to Iraq in May.

PVT Jessica Spivey

L.R.M.C.

C-MROT Box 2003

APO AE 09180

AM3 Decker, Thomas E.

HSC-22

1029 Bellinger Blvd.

Norfolk, VA 23511-222

Serving in the United States Navy

Brittain Mangrum

Serving in the US Army, finishing Boot Camp and then he will begin his job specialization training.

2nd Lt. Katherine Kuster

Still serving but moving often.

Keep her in your prayers.

Serving in the US Air Force

PVT2 Fold, Eric

C Co. 3-75 Box 29

Fort Benning GA 31905

Deployed to Iraq

Serving in the US Army

PFC, Leek, Joshua J.

1566 Bruce Drive

Bon Aqua, TN 37025-1901

Serving in the US Marine Reserve

PCF Brison, Michael R.

7114 Boone Street

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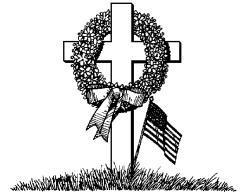
Remember Our Military Veterans.

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first

observed on 30 May 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. It's May once again and time

to honor our countries veterans.

Please remember those who served our country and preserved our freedom!



Lectionary Readings for May

May 1, 2008

Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47 (UMH 781)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 4, 2008

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
(UMH 792)

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

May 11, 2008

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
(UMH 826)

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

John 7:37-39

May 18, 2008

Trinity Sunday/First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 8 (UMH 743)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

May 25, 2008

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 49:8-16a

Psalm 131 or Psalm 62:5-12
(UMH 787)

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Matthew 6:24-34



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***Mission Statement: "We envision Westview United
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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

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