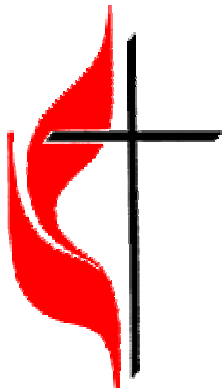


The Good Views



2007 Will Be A Pivotal Year For Westview

I am entering the New Year with the firm conviction that 2007 will be a pivotal time for the people of Westview United Methodist Church. I am convinced that God has a greater vision for our church than we have realized thus far. God has placed within our congregation the leadership, imagination, resources and spirit needed to become a more effective growing and vital congregation. God has also placed within our community many persons who need the assurance that God loves them. The question we face is will we embrace the vision that God has for Westview and use the gifts God has given us to reach and disciple more people in the Fairview Community. How we

answer this question in the coming months is the reason I believe 2007 to be a pivotal year for us.

I shared with the Administrative Council recently that during my first six months here I have tried as much as possible to be an observer and learner. I have sought to observe what works well and Westview and what needs improving and to begin learning the people of our congregation and their strengths and needs. While this process will continue, I feel that I am at a point to begin helping our leadership put into place some vital components that I believe will help move us forward as a church.

The first step in this process I believe is a

time of visioning for us. As a congregation we need to begin catching the glimpse of the vision God has for us. To that end over the next few weeks I will be preparing us for a Visioning Retreat to be held February 9-10 at Cedar Crest Camp. It is my prayer that our leadership and interested members will come together at that time to visualize and begin working toward the Westview God has in mind for us. Please begin praying now that God will use this time in a special way and please mark these dates on your calendar so that you can plan to participate.

Grace and peace,

Ed Britt

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Giving to the Church (To God)

We give as a natural response to our love for Jesus. We should give according to our abilities, Voluntarily and generously. God gives to us so that we can share with others

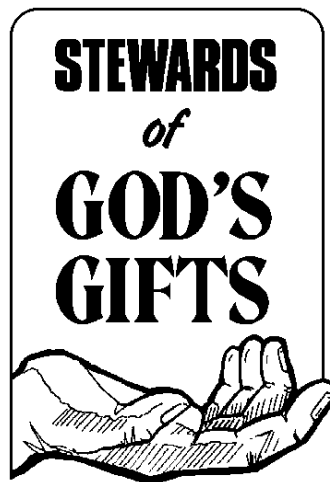
Our tithes and offerings are God's by right, for the first fruits belong to Him. Tithing is God's key to your successful personal finances. Christians live under grace and therefore, their tithing is not a legal requirement but a response of grace to God. Jesus himself fulfilled the Old

Testament Law including tithing, but he never revised the law downward.

God owns everything. When billionaire Howard Hughes died, naked and terrified of flies, someone asked how much he left. The answer of course, was, "All of it"! The

ultimate measure of a man's wealth is how much he is worth when he has lost everything. Naked we come into this world and naked we depart. Our wealth consists not in the abundance of our possessions, but in who we are as children of God. How we must remember, "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the World and all who live in it.". We may possess things but God owns them.

Submitted by Helen Brison



Recycle Ink Cartridges—Free Paper for the Church

As many of you know several office product retailers offer a free ream of paper when you return an empty printer cartridge. When Gary was here he worked this offer with excellent results, the church has had plenty of paper to use, all for free.

Well, Gary is gone and we need some help. Members are still donating empty printer cartridges but we have no one to take them to the

stores and exchange them for free paper.

The church office would like to ask that if you are planning a trip to an office supply store that has this offer to please pick up an ink cartridge and take it with you and exchange it for free paper.

There is a basket on the window sill in the hall outside the Narthex for empties to be dropped off and picked up for return to the stores.

This is a WIN WIN. The church gets free paper and you get to recycle ink cartridges to help the environment. When you get the paper just leave it under the basket next time you are at church and it will be picked up for use in the church office.

Thanks!



January Birthdays

5 Shelby Carroll
Shelby Stephens
6 Jason Renner
7 Wardie Lewis
10 John Bowser
11 Ira Bourgoyne
Alex Handy
13 Dorothy Newman
14 Carter Bock
18 W.T. Mangrum
18 Matthew Stevens
20 Kim Bell
25 Kim Mangrum
26 Winnie Decker



27 Irene Givens
29 Jerrie Havens
31 Jeff Stevens

January Anniversaries

14 Kevin and Patty Carroll



Bell Named to head branch of TN Parks Association

Bowie Park Naturalist Melissa Bell has been tapped for the position of resource management chair for the Tennessee Recreation and Parks Association, a statewide, 1200-member organization of recreation and parks professionals.

Bell assumed the post at the organization's annual convention held earlier this month which was attended by Jim Fyke, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The convention was held at Paris Landing State Park.

"What the Resource Management Branch does, is we are more of the nature parks—the park rangers, the people that have land for passive type recreation. We're sometimes referred to as the Environmental Branch," Bell said.

In her new capacity, Bell will work with park rangers and directors, environmentalists, event organizers, aquatic directors, and therapeutic programmers throughout the state in an effort to advance education and networking opportunities and share information and ideas.

"It's a place for education for these people; so we can do continuing education," Bell said. "This year one of my goals is—we already have the Ranger Institute underneath our branch, and we're going to roundtable with parks statewide, with their rangers, to find out what gaps they're missing in their training."

Most park rangers in Tennessee currently undergo training at police

academies, but Bell said there were shortcomings to that in that there are certain things peculiar to policing parks that are typically not covered in police academies. As an example she cited poachers.

"You have people that come into parks and steal ginseng and steal morel mushrooms, and harvest plants—and animals—out of parks, and it's additional training for them (rangers) how to spot somebody that's poaching," she said.

Bell will be working with the head ranger at Tims Ford State Park in coming up with a ranger training protocol—in addition to continuing her duties at Bowie Park.

Congratulations Melissa!

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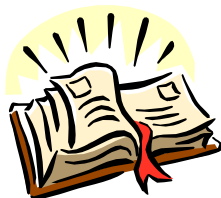
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Please review this list of our community servicemen and servicewomen. Please let our office know if there are corrections to the addresses or if there are soldiers that should be added to our list.

Lectionary Readings for January

January 1, 2007
New Year's Day
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8
(UMH 743); Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

January 6, 2007
Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,
10-14 (UMH 795);
Ephesians 3:1-12;
Matthew 2:1-12



January 7, 2007
Baptism of the Lord
First Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29
(UMH 761); Acts 8:14-17;
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 14, 2007
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10
(UMH 771);
1 Corinthians 12:1-11;
John 2:1-11

January 21, 2007
Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19 (UMH 750)
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21

January 28, 2007
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794)
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Calendar of Events

January

Tuesday, 2nd—Trustees Meeting
 Sunday, 7th—2:00 pm Youth Party
 Monday, 8th - 6:30 pm Finance Committee
 7:15 pm Administrative Council
 Tuesday, 9th—First day of Preschool
 Spring Semester
 Wednesday, 10th—3:30 pm Art Academy
 5:30 pm Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 11th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Sunday, 14th—Monday 15th—Youth Middle
 School Mystery Trip
 Wednesday, 17th—3:30 pm Art Academy
 5:30 pm Sprouts
 6:30 Youth
 Thursday, 18th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Sunday, 21st—District Training Event at
 Riverside UMC in Columbia
 Wednesday, 24th—3:30 pm Art Academy

5:30 pm Sprouts
 Thursday, 25th—7:00 pm WUMC Men's Group
 Wednesday, 31st—1:30 pm Art Academy
 12:30 Youth Climbing Event

February

Sunday, 4—Youth Mission SOAL
 Friday, 9th—Saturday, 10th
 WUMC Vision Retreat
 Tuesday, 13th—Preschool Valentines Day Celebration

 WUMC Youth each Wednesday at 6:30 pm
 WUMC Men's Group each Thursday at 7pm
 Art Academy each Wednesday at 3:30 pm
 Spouts each Wednesday at 5:30 pm

2007 Church Leaders to be Installed January 7

On Sunday, January 7, as part of our morning worship services we will install our church leaders for the New Year. All persons serving in elected positions as church officers, chairpersons of

committees or committee members are asked to be present for one of the services. These persons who were elected at the Fall Charge Conference will be officially installed to their

positions and empowered to lead the ministry of Westview UMC for 2007. Church members are encouraged to be present to pray your blessings on our leaders as they take office.

Westview's 2007 Visioning Retreat

February 9-10 at Cedar Crest Camp

The purpose of this retreat will be to catch God's vision of what Westview Church can be. The retreat will be held in the new lodge at Cedar Crest Camp starting at

6:00 pm Friday evening and concluding at 4:00 pm Saturday. All elected leaders, chairpersons and committee members are urged to attend and it is open to any interested church members and constituents.

Cost for the event will be \$20.00 per person for lodging **plus** a share in the costs of the meals which is yet to be determined but will be very reasonable. Look for more information in the near future.

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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