

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I hope that you are glad to "finally" receive a Newsletter from the church office. It has been several weeks since we have been able to publish a Newsletter due to some administrative changes. The Staff-Pastor Parish Relations Committee has recently hired a new church secretary, Frances Sewell. We have needed an adequate amount of time for our new secretary to implement our administrative format.

The Administrative Council has voted and approved a monthly publication of our church's Newsletter. We can save over \$ 2,500.00 per year regarding mailing expenses, labor, paper, and time. If we can effectively communicate the church news, without sacrificing its benefits to our active, inactive, home-bound members, and friends, the Administrative Council felt that a monthly publication of our Newsletter would better serve our "entire church family" without creating a greater financial deficit for our church's budget.

Communication of news is a vital necessity for any growing church. We intend to use every reasonable and effective means to keep you clearly informed about all worship services, fellowship events, sickness or death, and other relevant information. Please call the church office and we will e-mail you our bulletin every week or our newsletter once a month. We also want to mail our weekly bulletins to all of our sick or home-bound members and friends. Please note that we are most aware that not everybody has a computer, but we will keep all our sick and home-bound persons informed by mailing you a monthly newsletter, a weekly bulletin, and by using our phone tree to share important news.

Have a great week. God bless you as you take your spiritual journey this Lenten Season.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

## **NEW TRENTON UMYF WEB SITE**

Here is the web site address to the new website that was put together for The DIVE, our UMYF Student Ministries. The church has a very nice website with a page for youth, but we felt that this one would speak more to the youth themselves. Everyone is welcome to take a look around and see all the exciting things going on!  
[www.thediveministries.com](http://www.thediveministries.com)

## **OUR UMYF 30-HOUR FAMINE**

Youth from area churches joined with our UMYF group to experience a 30-Hour Famine this past week. All participants slept in cardboard homemade shelters. Holy Communion was served by Brother Tommy to the youth on Saturday night as the Fast concluded. A fellowship meal was shared before all participants left. What better way to commend the youth for their efforts than to feed them and make some generous donations to their programs!

## **UNITED METHODIST MEN FISH DINNER**

The United Methodist Men are having a fish dinner on Saturday, March 6th, from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. The "All You Can Eat" menu consists of the following: fillet catfish, white beans, french fries, hush puppies, cole slaw, dessert, and a drink. Take-out plates will be available. The price is as follows: \$ 11.00 for adults and \$ 6.00 for children, 12 years and under. Tickets are presently available from our

men's group. Please invite all your friends, relatives and neighbors to come and enjoy this delicious meal!

## **LOVE NOTES HANDBELL REHEARSALS FOR MARCH**

Love Notes Handbell rehearsals will be every Sunday night in March at 7:00 p.m. (7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th)

## **SUBSCRIPTION: MEMPHIS CONFERENCE REPORTER**

March is the official subscription campaign month for the Memphis Conference Reporter Bi-Monthly Newspaper. Please complete the form below and mail your check to the address indicated on the form. Church news from various United Methodist Churches across our conference can provide an excellent resource for our church family, especially as we discover other successful ministries, ideas, and programs that accelerate spiritual growth and vitality.

## **EASTER LILIES FOR THE SANCTUARY 2010**

The Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary will cost \$20.00 each. Easter Sunday is April the 4<sup>th</sup>, so please place your orders for these Easter Lilies soon. Since this is a bulk order, please make your check payable to "FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH."

**HEALTH CLINIC**

Health Clinic will be the 1st Tuesday of each month from 8:00 am until 9:00 a.m.

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

01-Franky Hodges	16-Steve Young
02-Josephine Jackson	18-Bobby Moore
04-Leah Jean Rollins	20--Barbara Jones
05-Josey Phelan	20-Glenda Lane
07-Trent Helms	20-Ken Holder
07-Sonny Lane	20-Charlie Singleton
09-Emily Martin	22-Kim Avery
12-Alex Jones	25-Landon Jones
13-Judy Woods	31-Aaron Jowers
14-MaryLauren Agee	31-Hunter Smith
14-Laura Nicholson	31-Jean Smith
14-Josey Gail Phelan	

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

02- R. S. Phelan	14-J. T. Vernon
03-Christy Wallsmith	17-Tony Blackburn
05-Mary Mills	18-William T. Jowers
05-Claire Rollins	20-Carol Edwards
07-Emily Walker	20-Emily Jones
10-David Jones	22-Virginia Cherry
10-Charlie Lancaster	24-Jake Lewis
10-Rayford Washburn	25-Amy Harper
14-Storm Johnson	

**PHOTOS FROM OUR PAST**

Lend your old photo to Gary Blankinship or Carolyn Blankinship so we can publish it here. Be sure to watch this space to win a gold-clad U.S. dollar by identifying one of our church family in a photo from their past. Phone the church at 855-0561 between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Fridays, to identify the person in the photo.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Linda Adcock, Robert L. Becton (brother of Noraine Becton), Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Bill Goodrich, Velma Hodges, Rufus Moore, Michele Phelan, Janice & C.B. Singleton, Lloyd Jenkins - Brother-in-law of Anne Coble, Lee Hunter, Ally Williams, John Kilpatrick, Sally Patel, Barbara Shoaf and Marilyn Dick.

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Doug Ferguson (son of Susie & Bob Ferguson, deployed to Iraq), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Jesse Vinson (grandson of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Chais Milligan Wallsmith (son of Christy & Michael Wallsmith, son of Michelle Wallsmith, deployed to Afghanistan), Brad Ballentine (husband of Kerri Ballentine deployed to Afghanistan) .

**IN RETIREMENT HOMES:** Agnes Evans, Greenbriar Meadows, 436 Hannings Lane, Martin, TN 38237; Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN: Tassie Hopkins, Bailey Park Community Living Center, 2400 Mitchell Street, Humboldt TN 38343.

**IN NURSING HOMES:** Finis Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street, Dyer TN 38330. Von Dabbs, State Veterans Home, 2865 Main Street, Humboldt, TN 38343, information 784-8405. Charlene Lemond, Apt. 258, Trezevant Terrace, 3437 Waynoka Ave., Memphis, TN 38111, phone 901-746-5967. Helen McCormick (stepmother of Peggy Davis) is in Dyer Nursing Home, having physical therapy for difficulty walking after a recent fall. Dr. T. Wilson. Haynes, Morningside of Jackson, 1200 North Parkway, Jackson, TN. Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road, Humboldt, TN 38343.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH: Betty Denton****USHERS FOR MARCH**

*Bill Woods	Grover Poteet	Gary Blankinship
Bob Holman	Fred Davis	Bobby Moore

**GREETERS**

March 07	Clint & Cicily Buchanan
March 14	Gary & Sherry Buchanan
March 21	Roger & Judie Reasons
March 28	Harold & Barbara Griggs

**ACOLYTES**

March 07	Isaac Hale & Spencer Vickers
March 14	Gracey Estes & Claire Rollins
March 21	Josey Phelan & Maddie Vernon
March 28	Bailey Williams & Sydney Phelan

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

March 7	Glenna Helms
March 14	R. B. Hodges
March 21	Andrea Joyner
March 28	Keri Alexander

**CALENDAR**

Tuesday, March 2

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. - Health Clinic**

Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout the Month of March

Mom's Day Out from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Sundays, March 7, March 14, March 21, and March 28

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (Nursery Available)

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service (Nursery Available)

5:30 p.m. - UMYF - Snack Meal and Program

7:00 p.m. - Love Notes Handbell Rehearsal

**\*No UMYF Meeting on March 14**

UMYF BREAKFAST CLUB - 2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH

6:45 a.m. Tuesday, March 9 --Cotton's Restaurant

Wonderific Wednesdays Throughout the Month of March

5:30 p.m. - Dinner

6:00 p.m. - Programs For All Ages

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Wonderific Wednesday, March 3rd

6:00 p.m. - Study Group For Young & Middle Aged Adults - Speaker will be Delores Smith

Wonderific Wednesday, March 10th

6:00 p.m. - Study Group For Young & Middle Aged Adults - Speaker will be Bob Duncan

CALENDAR CONTINUEDSunday, March 14

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. -- Wedding Vows Renewal for  
Rev. & Mrs. Gene Rollins.

Tuesday, March 16

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting in Fellowship  
Hall.

Wednesday, March 17

10:00 a.m. - UMC Pastors Cluster Meeting of North Gibson  
County at Trenton First United Methodist Church.

Monday, March 22

No United Methodist Men's Meeting & Dinner.

Sunday, March 28

UMW Sweet Spirit Meeting in Fellowship Hall immediately  
following Church services.

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 87 MORNING WORSHIP: 91

VISITORS IN WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY:

**Ralph & Sandra Cockran, Wanda Fant, Brooke & Austin  
Selph, Corbin Gibson, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Bunch, Mr. &  
Mrs. David Summars, Carol Edwards, Emily Jones,  
Drew Bobbitt.**

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TREASURER'S REPORT ENDING ON SUNDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28

<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$16,159.92</b>
<b>EXPENSES PAID OUT FOR MONTH</b>	<b>\$16,459.29</b>
<b>CONFERENCE UNPAID PORTION</b>	<b>\$35,929.00</b>

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MEMORIALS

TO THE TRUSTEES MEMORIAL FUND

IN HONOR OF DIANE McCLANAHAN

**Betty Jackson**

TO THE FLOWER FUND

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET JOWERS & WACO DENTON

**Betty Denton**

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***NOTE OF THANKS***

Roger & Judie Reasons would like to thank everyone  
for their prayers, cards, visits and all the other acts of  
kindness during Roger's recent illness and recovery.