

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

REV. WILLIAM T. JOWERS, MINISTER
web site: www.TrentonUMC.org

VOL. XXXI No. 31, August 19, 2009

e-mail: methodist777@bellsouth.net

500 South College Trenton, TN, 855-0561, -1494

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Some important worship and fellowship events have been planned for the remaining weeks of August and the months of September and October. First, Dr. Teri Maddox will share her experiences while traveling and doing educational teaching during her visit to India. She has some interesting stories about the people, their culture, and also numerous pictures.

Second, Bro. Tommy will present an eight-week study of the Beatitudes of Jesus incorporating a group video curriculum that deals with life's healing choices.

Third, one of the unusual delights, as summer ends, will be the Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20th, beginning with a homemade ice cream social at 5:00 p.m. that features Bro. Tommy's 10-gallon ice cream freezer. Please do not bring any food except cookies and brownies, and there will be various toppings available for your ice cream. Following the ice cream social, everyone will assemble in the sanctuary around 6:00 p.m. or a few minutes later to hear some excellent southern gospel singing by the Joylanders Quartet from Dyer, TN. The ice cream social is primarily for our church family, but please invite your friends and relatives to the gospel singing on September 20 at 6:00 p.m.

As your pastor, I encourage you to not only support, attend, and invite your friends and neighbors, especially to our Wonderific Wednesday Program for adults, children, and youth! There will be numerous reminders placed in the coming bulletins and newsletters to keep you informed and on schedule. God has really been blessing our church, and we have every opportunity to openly express our thanks!

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

HONORING OUR LONG-TIME MEMBERS

Those who have been members of this church for 50 or more years will be recognized on September 20. If you have any question about your years of membership, please contact the church office.

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

What a startling discovery our committee made as we reviewed our old pictorial directory--even if it is only three years old! We found a significant number of people who had died, moved away, or transferred to other churches. We definitely need a new directory based on the above data! We need photos of members or attending friends who were not available to be photographed by Olan Mills. Please contact either Bobby Moore, Betty Denton, Glenna Helms, Michele Phelan, Judie Reasons, or Bro. Tommy, and we will personally take your picture or your group's picture and place it in our new directory.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO MEET AUGUST 30

The Education Committee will meet in our fellowship hall, immediately after church on Sunday, August 30.

OUR PLAYGROUND HAS A FACELIFT

Many thanks to Daniel Hodges, Josey Phelan, Claire Rollins, and Rachel Rollins (along with their parents and Ms Kari Alexander) for their hard work to clean up our church playground this past Sunday afternoon. They raked, picked up sticks, and scrubbed and hosed down all the playground equipment. Due to the efforts of these young people, our church playground looks better than ever, and just in time for the start of our Mom's Day Out Program.

YOUTH NEWS

UMYF Kick-off party on August 30 to welcome the sixth graders and get the new school year started with a bang.

MEN'S SPIRITUAL GATHERING AT LAMBUTH, SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

Annual Spiritual Gathering for Men, Saturday, August 22, at Lambuth University. We will leave from our church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. (Please note change in time when we are leaving.) Program will end at 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

A number of Praise Groups will perform. Our new Memphis Conference Men's Chorus which had its debut at Frog Jump at the Annual Meeting and Fish Fry is planning to perform as well. Speakers and talk titles are as follows: Rev. Roger Hopson, TBA; Rev. Dave Hilliard, "Focus on the Cross"; Dr. Joel Allen, "Momentum for Life"; Mr. Nevin Robbins, "The Gospel According to Nike."

Men of all denominations are welcome. The registration fee is \$20.00, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Contact Billy Woods today for reservations.

"A PERFECT MESS" (BOOK BY LISA HARPER) FREE WOMEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND, AT NORTHSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

For all area women ages high school and up. 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, August 21, 8:30 a.m. to Lunchtime Saturday, August 22. Breakfast included. 731.668.0617 or visit yadasisterhood.com

Give your photos from by-gone days to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. The last childhood photo in the newsletter was of **Todd Buckingham, Carolyn Jane Wyatt, Amy Thompson, Jess Parker, Eric Partee, Brad Partee, Winter Hodges, Carol Ann Halliburton, Renee Barrix, Carmen Sirls**. The first to identify at least 5 of them was **Jeff Carr**. Phone 855-0561 to identify the child in this photo, and win a golden dollar.

PRAYER AND CARE: Finis Carr, Thomas Cherry, Christine Glover (sister-in-law of Connie Helms), Bill Goodrich, Kenny Hughes (neighbor of Harold & Barbara Griggs), Tanner Page (daughter of John & Beth Page), Danny Pike (son-in-law of Carolyn Blankinship), Grover Poteet, Debby Martin, Janice & C.B. Singleton, Margaret Taylor (grandmother of Kari Alexander), Beth Thompson.

HOSPITAL NEWS: Robert Becton (Bobby), bother of Noraine Becton, is facing major surgery on Tuesday, August 25, at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville. Carl Campbell (son of Faye Campbell) home from the hospital on August 14.

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY: Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), 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, grandson of Sandy & Jimmy Milligan).

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. 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. Dr. T. Wilson. Haynes, Summer's Landing, 2036 Hwy. 45 Bypass South, Trenton TN. Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road, Humboldt, TN 38343.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR AUGUST: Betty Denton

USHERS FOR AUGUST

*Dorothy Lancaster Beverly Jowers Gloria Jones
Jewell Hardaway Faye Campbell Betty Poteet

GREETERS

August 23 Janice & Sammy Dickey
August 30 Faye Campbell & Pat Haltom
September 6 Marilyn & Ken Holder
September 13 Barbara & Harold Griggs

ACOLYTES

August 23 Bailey Williams & Gracie Williams
August 30 Gracey Estes & Annie Bartholomew
September 6 Cydney Beth Lane & Sydney Phelan
September 13 Rachel Lambert & Rachel Rollins

SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS

August 23 Philippians 2:1-11 Diane McClanahan
August 30 Psalm 113:1-9 Judie Reasons
September 6 TBA Debbie Grant
September 13 TBA

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

August 23 Sherry Buchanan
August 30 Jeff Carr
September 6 Betty Denton
September 13 Teri Maddox

THANK YOU TO BILLY WOODS FOR GIVING BLOOD

Billy Woods has reached the 6-gallon mark as a blood donor to Lifeline Blood Services for our church's account. With the account number 310 for First United Methodist Church Trenton, we can all receive free blood services as long as our church donors reach the monthly quota. Special thanks go to Billy Woods and all our blood donors for their outstanding service to our church through blood donations.

CALENDAR

Thursday, August 20 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

Saturday, August 22

8:45 a.m. - Leaving for United Methodist Men's Gathering at Lambuth

Sunday, August 23 (Nursery Available)

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

Tuesday, August 25 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

7:00 p.m. - Sweet Spirits at the home of Jodie Mischke

Wednesday, August 26

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday meal--**Pot-Luck**

6:00 p.m. - For adults: Speaker, Dr. Teri Maddox's Trip to India
For children & youth: Activities upstairs

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 27 - 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - Mom's Day Out

Sunday, August 30

Noon - Education Committee meeting in the fellowship hall

5:30 p.m. - UMYF Kick-Off for the new school year

ATTENDANCE AUGUST 16, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 87 MORNING WORSHIP: 95

VISITORS IN WORSHIP AUGUST 16: Rachel Maxwell, Robin Trneh, Cy Yarnz.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship so that our visitors will do that, too.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON AUGUST 16	\$150
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$2,730
OWED ON LOAN FOR PAST MAINTENANCE	\$8,120
TO YOUTH FUND ON AUGUST 16	\$120
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$1,537
TO THE VAN FUND ON AUGUST 9	\$35
BUDGET OFFERING ON AUGUST 16	\$3,168

MEMORIALS

IN HONOR OF BILL GOODRICH

The Fishermen Sunday School Class

IN MEMORY OF JUDY GIBSON, JUDY ESTES, HAZEL MORTON, BROWNIE CROOM, CHARLIE FLACK, TOM CRENSHAW,

IN HONOR OF VIRGINIA & THOMAS CHERRY, DEBBY MARTIN, GLENDA LANE, JANE MAULE, PAT & BILL GOODRICH, BETH THOMPSON, CHARLENE LEMOND

Judie & Roger Reasons

IN MEMORY OF MR. & MRS. RAYMOND PERRY

Mrs. Willie Ann Ward

IN MEMORY OF DR. TOM CRENSHAW

Barbara & Murray Jones

IN MEMORY OF MARGARET BRIDGES

Dot Davis

IN MEMORY OF CHARLIE FLACK

Bill Joyner

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1-Chuck Zarecor 2-Frederick Agee 4-Brittney Peterson 7-Marilyn Holder
9-Rebecca Taylor 10-Charles Carr 11-Brad Ballentine 11-Perry Lane
12-Logan Wallsmith 13-Gail Phelan 13-Glenna Helms 17-William Joyner
17-Kevin Mosley 20-Anne Coble 21-Ed Joyner 24-Barbara Shoaf 26-Joseta
Barker 26-David Moore 29-Andrea Joyner 30-Neil Ernest

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC ON SEPTEMBER 20
TO BE AN ICE CREAM SOCIAL FEATURING
BRO. TOMMY'S TEN-GALLON FREEZER**

Everyone is invited to attend our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, September 20, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the church. This will be simply and ice cream social. Please do not bring any food except cookies and brownies. Ten gallons of vanilla ice cream will be churned on the 10-gallon ice cream freezer that afternoon. Various toppings such as chocolate syrup, strawberry, cherry, butterscotch will be available.

**"A Perfect Mess" (book by Lisa Harper)
Free Retreat Weekend for Women, Northside UMC**

For all area women ages high school and up
7 to 9 p.m. Friday, August 21
8:30 a.m. to Lunchtime Saturday, August 22
Free breakfast included
Northside United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN
For more information, call 731.668.0617
or visit yadasisterhood.com

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN JULY 2009	\$12,549.41
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN JULY 2009	\$14,634.36
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,160.00

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWSLETTER ITEMS

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. at the very latest. Early submission of items is especially appreciated! Call 855-0561.

NEW NORTH DOOR SECURITY AWARENESS

We all need to be aware that our new north door does not close or lock automatically. It needs to be pulled closed. To lock it we must use a key. By remembering to do this, we will ensure the church's security and to keep the church's utility bills down.

**"A Perfect Mess" (book by Lisa Harper)
Free Retreat Weekend for Women at Northside UMC**

Free event for all area women ages high school and up
7 to 9 p.m. Friday, August 21
8:30 a.m. until Lunchtime Saturday, August 22
Free breakfast included
Northside United Methodist Church, Jackson, TN
For more information, call 731.668.0617 or visit yadasisterhood.com

Lisa Harper - Guest teacher

Lisa will be teaching on the topic of her new book - A Perfect Mess. Check her out at www.lisaharper.net

Rarely are the terms hilarious storyteller and theological scholar used in the same sentence, much less used to describe the same person, but then again, Lisa Harper is anything but stereotypical! She has been lauded as a gifted communicator whose writing and speaking overflow with colorful pop culture references that connect the dots between the Bible era and modern life. Her style combines sound scriptural exposition with easy-to-relate-to anecdotes and comedic wit.

Libby Thomas, worship leader

Check her out at www.timandlibbythomas.com

Tim and Libby Thomas began their new ministry in January of 2001, after spending 9 years with Tim's parents' ministry, The Thomas Family. Since that time God has been providing new and exciting opportunities for this young couple as they provide quality Christian music, blending the sounds of Adult Inspirational, Southern Gospel, Praise and Worship, and great Hymns of the church. With a 180-date touring schedule across

America, both Libby and Tim not only minister at churches but also at conferences, retreats and revivals. Currently, Tim and Libby are in the process of releasing their 4th recording, "Jesus Man." Libby, a gifted song writer, has written several of the songs, not only on this newest CD but also on "Devotion," "Simple Faith," and self titled CD "Libby."

PHOTOGRAPH CORNER

Give your photos from by-gone days to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. Phone 855-0561 to win a golden dollar by identifying the person in the mystery photo. The last photo in the newsletter was of **James Proudfit**.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship so that our visitors will do that, too.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO ANSWER PHONE

When your church secretary cannot be in the office due to sickness, vacation times, family or personal or other emergencies, we need a volunteer to answer the office phone. If you would be willing to be in the secretary's chair for all or part of a 4-hour shift between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. once in a while, please phone Diane McClanahan at 855-0561 and add your name to the list of volunteers.

NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSON ANNUAL

The latest edition is now available. We order 6 copies each year for those teachers who use this resource. Those six teachers can pick up a copy outside the church office.

Tuesday, June 2

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Free Healthcare Clinic:

Free blood pressure and fasting blood sugar testing
Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.

MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531
May 24 UMYF at Lakeshore

Supper volunteers need to be present from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 5:30 or to stay after the meal until 7:00, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531

HOW VOLUNTEERS CHANGED MY LIFE

By Linda Darden

When the ice storm hit Western Kentucky on January 27, it started out as a beautiful winter wonderland that prompted me to get the camera and venture outside taking pictures.

The trees and power lines were hanging so full of ice that I was filled with the impression of something magical happening.

Well, the ice got thicker and the limbs and power lines got heavier and the wonderland turned into something quite different. The limbs breaking and hitting the house gave an eerie sound to an otherwise still day. The sounds continued throughout the dark night without the electric lights to help rationalize what was happening. In a few days, the ice melted, leaving us with something neither magical nor rational.

Our electricity was off for eight days, but we were luckier than most. We had gas logs for warmth and a generator to run the pumps for our fish ponds, the heater for the water bed and, of course, the TV and DVD player.

We had to drive to Paris, Tenn. for four days because the entire city of Murray was without power and we needed gas for the generator. We ate lunch there and met a lot of people from Murray who were less fortunate. We were without phone, internet and cable for four weeks, but survived with our collection of DVDs.

Many people stopped by the next few weeks to "help" clean up our yard, each carrying with them a statement for

the cost of their services. My husband is handicapped, so I saw no way I would be able to pay the massive amounts of money the "helpful" men wanted. Nor could I clean it up myself.

Then one afternoon the pastor from Goshen United Methodist Church showed up at my door. he held a paper in his hand and asked me to fill out the form. He said some Methodist church members would be happy to help me clean up my yard.

I listened as he told of the group that would come and cut and stack my limbs. I waited to hear the estimate of the cost, but he said there would be none.

So, I signed up and I waited.

One afternoon a few days later, I heard a noise in my front yard and there they were—men and women in their hats, earmuffs and gloves, armed with chain saws.

I went outside and was met with smiling faces and handshakes as they went about cleaning up my yard.

They were from different parts of Kentucky and Tennessee. Some had traveled from as far as Clarksville. It was late in the afternoon and you could tell they were tired, but they worked until about 4:00pm. They smiled and waved and told how they would be back the following week.

The volunteers came back twice more, working a total of at least five hours. One morning they came at 8:30am in 24 degree weather, all decked out in the warmest clothing they could find—wearing those same smiling faces.

As I watched them work, I thought about how they had taken their time to come and help me out without knowing anything at all about me. I felt I owed them something, but they said they were just "happy to help."

So, feeling it was the respectful thing to do, I questioned the pastor about the hour of his services and thought to myself about attending the church, but I didn't go.

About the second week of having no phone, internet or cable services, we got a flier from the Senior Citizens' Center in Murray telling about all their services. Since we had watched every DVD we had, my husband and I decided to check it out.

It was scary going into the room there—being the outsiders, but we saw the familiar faces of Joyce Morrison and Shirley Robinson. They had worked with my husband at the Murray Vocational School where he had taught for 24 years.

We continued to go to the center and talk with Joyce and Shirley.

One day Joyce mentioned being late because she had attended Bible study. The next day or so, I asked Joyce about her church. She told me she went to a small Methodist church and invited me to attend.

I remembered the word "Methodist" from the group of volunteers that helped clean my yard. I told her I was looking for a church and had attended several in the area, but hadn't found one where I felt at home.

I asked about the time of the service and told her that I would think about going there.

The first Sunday I missed because of the time change. I didn't set my clocks. Joyce told me that she had missed me and again invited me to come.

In my mind, I saw the faces of the men and women who came to clean my yard.

So, the following Sunday, with clock set and clothes picked out, I headed to church.

I felt warm the minute I stepped inside. I saw Shirley, C.M. and Elizabeth from the Senior Center. They welcomed me and I sat down and there I was.

Everyone came up and welcomed me with handshakes and smiles and sincere greetings. There were no earmuffs, jackets or gloves, but the sincerity was the same.

Since that day, I have been happily attending Sunday services and Bible study on Thursday mornings at Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church.

How did I get where I am today? Ice storm... Methodist workers... flier from the Senior Citizens' Center... talking with Joyce... presently attending Martin's Chapel United Methodist Church. I guess you could blame it on the ice storm. Little did the workers know the impact they would have on my life.

Who knows? If one event had been left out, I probably wouldn't be here today.

Sometime just stop and think about the path you have taken that has led you to where you are today. Some of the smallest details can impact our future, and most of the time, they go completely unnoticed.

You may be surprised when you remember the choices you made and how wonderful the feeling is when you finally work your way home.

God works in mysterious ways!

Cathy Farmer
Director of Communications
Memphis Conference
United Methodist Church
Cell: 731-234-0520

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN APRIL 2009	\$15,872.14
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN APRIL 2009	\$12,368.27
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$31,160.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN MAY 2009	\$16,376.93
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN MAY 2009	\$14,665.88
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$31,160.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN JUNE 2009	\$13,596.64
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN JUNE 2009	\$13,521.48
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,160.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN JULY 2009	\$12,549.41
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN JULY 2009	\$14,634.36
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,160.00

Wednesday, August 12

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday resumes
6:00 p.m. - UMYF upstairs. Adult study in the fellowship hall.
6:00 p.m. - Children's Music Time, 6:30 p.m. - Craft Time.
7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF

CUSTODIAL CARE FOR JUNE-JULY-AUGUST 2009

TO VOLUNTEER AT A ? BLANK, CONTACT GLENDA LANE 855-4723

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Judy Reasons Michele Phelan	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR 1 Mary & Neil Ernest Moppers (Tile Floors)
1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX TBA	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol Ann Halliburton Moppers (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E Moppers (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) Betty Denton Moppers (Tile Floors)
AREA 3	AREA 4
KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL 1. Gary Blankinship 2. Gary Buchanan 3. 4.	UPSTAIRS Glenda Lane Peggy Davis Teri Maddox Leah Jean Rollins Jacob Ross

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteers

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM
Tom Cherry

KITCHEN PANTRY
Gloria Jones

Debbie Grant

The above list is on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

**REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRIES TOY STORE
STORIES 2009**

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S GOLF SCRAMBLE

BROWNSVILLE COUNTRY CLUB

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

7:30 a.m. sign in. 8:00 a.m. tee off - shot gun start
Mulligans - \$5 each. Cost \$55 per person (fees, cart, etc.)
Food and beverage included in \$55 fee.

This four-man scramble is to raise funds to support the programs of the Memphis Conference United Methodist Men. Bring your own teams, or we will team you with others. Teams will be placed in fights. There will be prizes awarded to each flight. Registration forms outside our church office. **Mail in your registration form to Golf Scramble, 24 Corporate Blvd., Jackson TN, 38304 by deadline April 28.**

Questions? Call Dick Pilbeam at 901-488-7206.

**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S ANNUAL MEETING AT
ARCHER'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

DINNER AT 5 PM--\$10--COUNTRY HAM AND CATFISH

Speaker: Larry Malone, Director of Men's Ministry General
Commission on United Methodist Men

Entertainment: Fincher Family Singers of Archer's Chapel

Make your reservations by April 17. Phone 731-656-2237.

TREASURERS YEAR-END REPORT

Copies of the church treasurer's year-end report of all expenditures for December 2008 and for the year 2008, along with budgeted sums, are available on the table outside the church office.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH MARCH 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY \$
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY \$
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS \$

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH FEBRUARY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY \$14,069.73
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY \$16,506.87
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS \$31,160.87

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH JANUARY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN JANUARY: \$13,653.08
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN JANUARY: \$12,939.16
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS: \$31,160.00

LOVE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR TO PERFORM

On Sunday, May 3 our Love Notes Handbell Choir will be performing 3 selections during the morning worship service. Two of these will feature guest soloists Shannon Moore (flute) and Annie Williams (oboe), juniors at Peabody High School and members of the Band of Gold. The first selection is "Largo" from the *New World Symphony* by Dvorak, for flute, oboe, and handbell accompaniment. The second selection is entitled "The Gift of Love" and features Annie as vocal soloist and Shannon on flute, with handbell and piano accompaniment. Shannon Moore is the daughter of Tom and Renee Proctor and Scott Moore. Annie is the daughter of Dr. Jim and Rene Williams.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

PLEASE PAY FOR YOUR POINSETTIA

The church office does not have record of payment for 4 of the poinsettias on display in the sanctuary, and Becky George has not received these 4 payments. If you have not yet paid the church for your poinsettia, please put your \$20 payment in the offering plate as soon as possible, or mail it to the church at FUMC, 500 South College Street, Trenton, TN. Mark your payment "POINSETTIA" **We thank you for providing the beautiful poinsettias that we now see in our sanctuary!**

DO NOT ADJUST ANY THERMOSTATS!

We have recently installed new programmable thermostats throughout the church. **If you are too hot or too cold, please do not adjust them because you could easily change these sensitive time and temperature programmed settings without realizing what you have done.** Please contact William Joyner, Billy Woods, Harold Griggs, or Bro. Tommy if you feel that the majority of the congregation is uncomfortable with these temperature settings.

VOLUNTEER CUSTODIAL WORKERS

The custodial service coordinators and the membership of this church would like to thank those members who have so willingly served this church the months of September, October, November, and December in custodial positions toward the cleanliness and upkeep of the House of the Lord. This church building needs much TLC; with your help we can continue with an appreciation of this wonderful old structure which has been left to us by past servants.

At this time, we are in need of a man to help Gary and Clint Buchanan in January and February as "MOPPERS." Please volunteer... Call the office at 855-0561 and contact Gary and Clint to join their team.

All directions for each area of the church to be cleaned can be found filed in the magazine storage box on the table outside the pastor's office. The directions are to be used as guides along with the workers' discretion of needs.

Each Team (3-4 members) should have a key to the north door to be used among them. If in need a key, please call the office 9855-0561). Keys checked out for this must later be returned to the office.

CUSTODIAL CARE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY

AREA 1

AREA 2

1A SANCTUARY Glenna Helms & Faye Campbell Donna & Charles Carr	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR Mary & Neil Ernest Moppers (Tile Floors)
1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX Glenna Helms & Donna & Charles Carr Frank Parker (All Flooring)	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol A. Halliburton Moppers (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E Marion Pipkin/Barbara Shoaf Moppers (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) Barbara & Frank Parker Moppers (Tile Floors)
AREA 3 KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL 1. Michele Phelan 2. Karin Johnson 3. Gina Williams 4. Moppers (Tile Floors)	AREA 4 UPSTAIRS Glenda Lane Peggy Davis Teri Maddox Leah Jean Rollins Jacob Ross

Moppers of Tile Floors (see note on storage room doors)

1. Gary Buchanan
2. Clint Buchanan
3. ?

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM Luther Coble Tom Cherry	KITCHEN PANTRY Gloria Jones Debbie Grant
---	--

The above list is on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

CUSTODIAL CARE FOR MARCH-APRIL 2009

TO VOLUNTEER AT A ? BLANK, CONTACT GLENDA LANE 855-4723

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Judy & Billy Woods	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR 1 Mary & Neil Ernest Moppers (Tile Floors)
1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX Ken Holder	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol Ann Halliburton Moppers (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E Marion Pipkin/Barbara Shoaf Moppers (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) Wanda Fant Moppers (Tile Floors)
AREA 3 KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL 1. Betty Poteet 2. ? 3. ? 4. ?	AREA 4 UPSTAIRS Glenda Lane Peggy Davis Teri Maddox Leah Jean Rollins Jacob Ross

Moppers of Tile Floors (see note on storage room doors)

1. Perry Lane
2. ?
3. ?

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM Tom Cherry	KITCHEN PANTRY Gloria Jones Debbie Grant
-----------------------------------	--

The above list is on the bulletin board outside the secretary's office.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2009

TOTAL RECEIPTS IN FEBRUARY: \$
TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN FEBRUARY: \$
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS: \$31,160.00

UMYF NEWS by Jacob Ross

Adult supper volunteers need to be present from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are not able to come at 5:30 p.m. or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

Please write your name, address, and phone number on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too.

MEMORIALS

Please note: Memorial donations need to be on a check that is a **separate** check from your other offerings.

"NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSON ANNUAL FOR SEPTEMBER 2008--AUGUST 2009"

still available outside the church office for anyone--teacher or student--who wants to use this book full of background information on the subjects of the lessons we use in our adult Sunday school classes.

Tuesday,

8:00 a.m. to 10 a.m. Free Health Clinic

Free fasting blood sugar and blood pressure testing
Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.

Total receipts through 09-30-2008: **\$12,356.66**
Total paid expenses through 09-30-2008: **\$20,504.22**
Unpaid conference apportionments: **\$23,212.60**

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday Fellowship Meal

\$3 per person.. \$10 maximum for a family.

6:00 p.m. - Crafts, Music and/or Handchimes for children

Adult Study Assignment: The next 2 miracles of Jesus.

DO NOT ADJUST ANY THERMOSTATS!

We have recently installed new programmable thermostats throughout the church. **If you are too hot or too cold, please do not adjust them because you could easily change these sensitive time and temperature programmed settings without realizing what you have done.** Please contact William Joyner, Billy Woods, Harold Griggs, or Bro. Tommy if you feel that the majority of the congregation is uncomfortable with these temperature settings.

WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Be there or be square. Meal at 5:30. Activities 6-7 p.m. Adults with Bro. Tommy, studying *The Miracles of Jesus*. Peggy Davis is again teaching the pre-school age class. Children K through 6th grade have music and handchimes with Ms Boyce and Mrs. Rollins in preparation for Children's Sabbath in October. Jane Maule is leading crafts for K-3rd graders. Various mothers are leading crafts for 4th-6th graders.

MEAL PREPARATION HOSTS/ MONTHLY SCHEDULE

First Wednesday -- Gloria Jones

Second & Fourth Wednesday -- Pot-Luck

Third Wednesday -- "Young" Christians Class or Fishermen

Fifth Wednesday -- Hosts will be assigned.

COST: First, Third, and Fifth Wednesdays: \$3 per person.
Maximum \$10 per family.

Second and Fourth Wednesdays: No charge. Pot-Luck.

KITCHEN SUPPLIES

Due to lack of storage space and finances, items used in cleaning of the church and all paper products used church-wide should be ordered and processed through those volunteers in charge of the storage room (Luther Coble and Tom Cherry). You will find order forms in the storage room. Please fill in your order, circle or write the date, and sign your name. Orders are to be left in the storage room for Luther or Tom to process, and they in turn will place orders through the church secretary on Thursday of each week. Special event orders should be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Please place orders with Luther or Tom. You may leave orders in the storage room or with Diane, who will give them to Luther or Tom for processing. Thanks for your cooperation.

Please write your name, address, and phone number on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2-Tassie Hopkins. 10-Janice Singleton. 12-Mark Agee. 12-Mitchell Jones. 15-Leigh Boyce. 16-Grover Poteet. 19-Sara Kilzer. 21-Julie Joyner. 22-Dani Johnson. 23-Mitzie Privitt. 30-Adele Moore. 31-Janice Dickey

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Bettye Jackson. 3-Corinne Wade Holman. 4-Catherine Maule. 6-Frances Taylor. 6-Jeff Jowers. 7-Harold Griggs. 9-Gary Blankinship, Frank Maule. 13-Jay Avery. 14-Delores Smith, Sally Wyatt. 17-Barbara Parker. 19-Billy Woods. 20-Jim Grant. 26-Luther Coble, Gloria Jones, Cathryn Lane, Sydney Phelan. 27-Pat Goodrich.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1-Franky Hodges. 2-Josephine Jackson. 3-Christy Wallsmith. 4-Leah Jean Rollins. 7-Sonny Lane, Trent Helms. 9-Emily Martin. 12-Alex Jones. 13-Judy Woods. 14-MaryLauren Agee, Josey Gail Phelan. 18-Bobby Moore. 20-Ken Holder, Barbara Jones, Glenda Lane, Charlie Singleton. 22-Kim Avery. 25-Landon Jones. 31-Aaorn Jowers. 31-Hunter Smith. 31-Jean Smith.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2-R.S. Phelan. 3-Christy Wallsmith. 5-Claire Rollins. 10-Charlie Lancaster. 10-Rayford Washburn. 12-Terry Agee. 14-J.T. Vernon. 14-Storm Johnson. 17-Tony Blackburn. 18-Tommy Jowers. 20-Emily Jones. 20-Carol Edwards. 22-Virginia Cherry.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2-Sherry Buchanan 3-Taylor Lindsey. 8-Pat Haltom. 12-Donna Carr. 13-Gary Buchanan. 13-Sammy Dickey. 14-Jane Maule. 14-Thomas Cherry 18-Carolyn Blankinship 18-Jeff Carr. 18-Kellie Joyner. 19-Michelle Wallsmith. 20-Beth Davis Winn. 25-Charlene Lemond 29-Marion Crisp Pipkin. 31-Jean Smith. 31-Tony Smith.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1-Agnes Evans 2-Sherry Buchanan 3-Taylor Lindsey
6-Chelsea Nicholson 8-Pat Haltom 12-Donna Carr
13-Gary Buchanan 13-Sammy Dickey 13-Anna Tubbs
14-Jane Maule. 14-Thomas Cherry 18-Carolyn Blankinship
18-Jeff Carr 18-Kellie Joyner 19-Michelle Wallsmith
24-Sheila Nicholson 20-Beth Davis Winn
25-Charlene Lemond 28-Sally Jackson 29-Marion C. Pipkin
31-Jean Smith 31-Tony Smith

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1-Jordan Leigh Grant 6-Dot Davis 6-Caleb Avery 7-Chris Smith
15-Erma Dollar 17-Alexandra Avery 21-Debbie Grant 21-Becky George
22-Bob Holman 22-Karin Johnson 28-Anne Peeples 28-Rod Williams
30-Hunter Smith.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

8-R.B. Hodges 8-Pat Zarecor 9-Billy George 9-Kyle Smith
13-Dorothy Hardaway 16-Dorothy Ellison 19-Keata Nicholson
22-Courtney Ballentine 25-Frank Parker 28-Susan Woods 31-Tricia Young

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2-Barbara Griggs. 2-Carol Ann Halliburton. 2-Allie Privitt.
5-Mary Ernest. 6-Judy Estes. 6-Betty Poteet. 10-Sandy Hodges.
11-Clint Buchanan. 11- Susan Buchanan. 14-Shelby Moore.
18- Noraine Becton. 20-Terrie Joyner. 20-LaNita VanDyke.
21- Dot Kilzer. 22-Shannon Hawkins Ragusa. 26-Sallie King
27-Tim Jones. 29-Jennifer Moore. 29-Frances Joyner.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4-Mattie Carr. 4-Daniel Hodges. 6-Beverly Jowers. 6-Gil Rollins.
8-Lennie Mai Hicks. 11-Nancy Bailey. 14-Kerri Ballentine.
14-Betty Denton. 15-Berlyne Holman. 15-Bethany Crockett.
19-Dorothy Lancaster. 20-Tassie Hopkins. 26-Peggy Davis.
27-Finis Carr. 30-Fred Davis.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3-Henry Phillips. 7-Casey Langley. 9-Nathan Baker. 9-Cindy Taylor.
13-David Dollar. 13-Trudy Phillips. 19-Rachel Lambert. 20-Louise Potts. 24-Joyce Sanders. 29-Rachel Rollins

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Noble Grant. 9-Cindy Taylor. 13-David Dollar. 13-Dustin Phelan.
16- Murray Jones. 16-Jo Bowles. 21-Brette Moore. 23-Dustin Phelan.
25-Faye Campbell. 30-Joyce Barton.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 2008

Total receipts through 08/31/08 \$17,824.66
Total paid expenses through 08/31/08 \$10,611.57
Unpaid conference apportionments \$23,312.60

MEMORIALS

Please note: Memorial donations made by check need to be on a check that is **separate** from your other offerings to our church's budget or other funds.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

To volunteer to FEED THE YOUTH, Call Glenna Helms 692-3531

UNITED METHODIST MEN GOLF SCRAMBLE
Brownsville Country Club, Saturday, October 4

7:30 a.m. sign in. 8:00 a.m. tee off - shot gun start
Mulligans - \$5 each. Cost \$55 per person (fees, cart, etc.)
Food and beverage included in \$55 fee.

This four-man scramble is to raise funds to support the programs of the Memphis Conference United Methodist Men. Bring your own teams, or we will team you with others. Teams will be placed in fights. There will be prizes awarded to each flight.

Register by October September 29, 2008.

Questions? Call Dick Pilbeam at 901-488-7206.

Forms outside our church office.

BILLIE KINTON BENEVOLENT FUND

Your gifts left at the communion rail help the needy in our community through our Billie Kinton Benevolent Fund.

"SERVICE WORKERS"**CUSTODIAL CARE FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY**

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Glenna Helms & _____ Donna & Charles Carr	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR Mary & Neil Ernest Men (Tile Floors)
1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX Glenna Helms & Donna & Charles Carr Ken Holder (All Flooring)	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol A. Halliburton Men (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E Marion Pipkin/Barbara Shoaf Men (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) Barbara & Frank Parker Men (Tile Floors)
AREA 3	AREA 4
KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL 1. Michele Phelan 2. Karin Johnson 3. Gina Williams 4. Men (Tile Floors)	UPSTAIRS Glenda Lane Peggy Davis Teri Maddox Leah Jean Rollins Jacob Ross

TILE FLOORS (see note on storage room doors)

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM

Luther Coble
Tom Cherry

KITCHEN PANTRY

Gloria Jones
Debbie Grant

All check-lists are on the table outside the church offices. The above list is on the bulletin board outside the church secretary's office.

All check-lists are on the table outside the church offices.
The above list is on the bulletin board outside the church secretary's office.

"SERVICE WORKERS"
CUSTODIAL CARE FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Judie & Roger Reasons Dorothy & Chas. Lancaster	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR Mary & Neil Ernest Men (Tile Floors)
1B VESTIBULE/NORTH AX Judie & Roger Reason Dorothy & Chas. Lancaster Ken Holder (All Flooring)	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol A. Halliburton Men (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS/N & E Marion Pipkin Men (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x weekly) Betty Poteet Men (Tile Floors)
AREA 3 KITCHEN & FELLOWSHIP HALL 1. Betty Denton 2. LaNita VanDyke 3. _____ 4. Men (Tile Floors)	AREA 4 UPSTAIRS Glenda Lane Peggy Davis Teri Maddox Leah Jean Rollins Jacob Ross

TILE FLOORS (see note on storage room doors)

Michael Wallsmith
Jonathan Estes
Larry Ridings

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM

Luther Coble
Tom Cherry

KITCHEN PANTRY

Gloria Jones
Debbie Grant

All check-lists are on the table outside the church offices. The above list is on the bulletin board outside the church secretary's office.

"SERVICE WORKERS"
CUSTODIAL CARE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Janice & Sammy Dickey Judy & Billy Woods Becky George	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR Mary & Neil Ernest MEN (Tile floors)
1B VESTIBULE Sanctuary names listed above. Ken Holder (all flooring)	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol Ann Halliburton MEN (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS, N & E Barbara Shoaf Men (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x/wk) Sandy Hodges MEN (Tile Floors)

**AREA 3
KITCHEN
& FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Kari Alexander
Beth Phelan
Michele Phelan
MEN (Tile Floors)

**AREA 4
UPSTAIRS**

Glenda Lane
Peggy Davis
Teri Maddox
Leah Jean Rollins
Youth (UMYF Room)

TILE FLOORS (see note on storage room door)

Frank Parker
Fred Davis
Bobby Moore

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM

Luther Coble
Tom Cherry

KITCHEN PANTRY

Gloria Jones
Debbie Grant

"SERVICE WORKERS"
CUSTODIAL CARE FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY Janice & Sammy Dickey Judy & Billy Woods Becky George	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR Mary & Neil Ernest MEN (Tile floors)
1B VESTIBULE Sanctuary names listed above. Ken Holder (all flooring)	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS Bettye Jackson Carolyn Blankinship Carol Ann Halliburton MEN (Tile Floors)
1C CHOIR EXITS, N & E Barbara Shoaf Men (Tile Floors)	2C RESTROOMS (2x/wk) Sandy Hodges MEN (Tile Floors)

**AREA 3
KITCHEN
& FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Kari Alexander
Beth Phelan
Michele Phelan
MEN (Tile Floors)

**AREA 4
UPSTAIRS**

Glenda Lane
Peggy Davis
Teri Maddox
Leah Jean Rollins
Youth (UMYF Room)

TILE FLOORS (see note on storage room door)

Frank Parker
Fred Davis
Bobby Moore

OFFICES

Bro. Tommy Jowers
Diane McClanahan
Quarterly by volunteer members

STORAGE/SUPPLY ROOM

Luther Coble
Tom Cherry

KITCHEN PANTRY

Gloria Jones
Debbie Grant

It made my life stronger for another week.

It removed stumbling blocks from the sinner's path.

It pleased God.

It caused others to say, "He practices what he preaches."

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE REPORTER

Your church newspaper, 38 cents per week

DEADLINE IS APRIL 27

Return your subscription form and payment of \$19.50 for 26 bi-weekly issues to Diane McClanahan, or just put these in the collection plate any Sunday morning in April

Forms are on the table outside the church office.

**MEMPHIS CONFERENCE REPORTER NEWSPAPER
ONLY 38 CENTS PER WEEK: \$19.50 FOR THE YEAR**

Only 5 subscriptions have been turned in so far. Sunday, April 27, is our last chance to turn in our payment and subscription form. Just put these in the collection plate during the worship service.

Please note: Memorial donations made by check need to be on a check that is separate from your other offerings to our church's budget or other funds.

Please write your name, address, and phone number on the attendance pad every Sunday morning during worship, so that our visitors will do that, too

SPRING REVIVAL APRIL 20--22

Revival Schedule

Opening of the Revival -- Sunday, April 20, 10:50 a.m.
Children & Youth Cookout -- Sunday, April 20, 5:00 p.m.
Children & Youth Night -- Sunday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.
Bring-A-Friend Night -- Monday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Pot-Luck Supper -- Tuesday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.
Family Night -- Tuesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER THOUGHTS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 19 - Luncheon at First Baptist Church
Speaker: Rev. Wm. T. Jowers

Thursday, March 20 - Luncheon at Salem Baptist Church
Speaker: Ronnie Coleman

7:00 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service here, at FUMC
Speaker: Rev. Norman Carver

Friday, March 21 - Luncheon at First Presbyterian Church
Speaker: Joel Pigg

PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY CLUB T-SHIRTS

honoring Dr. Edward Barker available from Gary Blankinship for \$12.

8-10 a.m. - Free Health Clinic
Free blood pressure and fasting blood sugar screening
Be sure to come fasting for fasting blood sugar test.

PEABODY HIGH HISTORY CLUB T-SHIRTS

T-shirt honoring Dr. Edward Barker is available from Gary Blankinship for \$12 with a small additional cost for super sizes.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER THOUGHTS

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES LIST

Please submit the names and addresses of prospective families and new residents who need a church home. You may place this information in the offering plate; or call the

office, the pastor, or Bettye Jackson, our Evangelism Chairperson.

SUNGLASSES SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17

Our donations will be sent in by April 1 to support the optometry teams that deliver eye care and our donated glasses to those in need.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1-Bettye Jackson. 4-Catherine Maule. 5-Rita Crockett. 6-Frances Taylor. 6-Jeff Jowers. 7-Harold Griggs. 9-Gary Blankinship, Frank Maule. 11-Janetta Moore. 12-Adrienne Taylor, Johnny Milligan. 13-Jay Avery. 14-Delores Smith, Sally Wyatt. 16-Jessica Avery. 17-Barbara Parker. 19-Billy Woods. 20-Jim Grant. 26-Luther Coble, Gloria Jones, Sydney Phelan.

8-10 a.m. - Free Health Clinic

Free blood pressure and **fasting** blood sugar testing.

Noon-5:30 p.m. - Lifeline Bloodmobile at Trenton Courthouse

GIBSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION

Send your monetary donations to Project Graduation, c/o Rhonda Lovell, P O Box 278, Medina, TN 38355. If you wish to give gift certificates, food, prizes, etc, contact Rhonda Lovell at 731-225-8434. Specify whether or not you wish your donation to be made public.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR JULY 2008	\$12,259.12
MONTH'S EXPENSES JULY 2008	\$14,167.29
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	\$23,312.60
BALANCE DUE ON LOAN	\$16,867.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR JUNE 2008	\$15,756.66
MONTH'S EXPENSES JUNE 2008	\$8,657.10
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	\$23,312.60
BALANCE DUE ON LOAN	\$17,273.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR MAY 2008	\$12,994.32
MONTH'S EXPENSES MAY 2008	\$14,260.24
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	\$23,312.60

TOTAL RECEIVED IN MAY FOR BLDG FUND	\$252.00
YEAR TO DATE RECEIVED FOR SANCTUARY	\$15,382.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR APRIL 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR APRIL 2008	\$14,027.66
MONTH'S EXPENSES APRIL 2008	\$14,472.34
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,849.60

SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS DEBT

COLLECTED IN APRIL FOR LOAN	\$1,233.00
COLLECTED IN 2008 FOR LOAN	\$15,130.00

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR MARCH, 2008	\$15,348.61
MONTH'S EXPENSES MARCH 2008	\$13,660.21
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	\$27,849.60
COLLECTED FOR SANCTUARY RENOVATION	\$13,897

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2008

MONTH'S RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY 2008	14,420.80
MONTH'S EXPENSES FEBRUARY 2008	14,818.02
UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS	31,330.80

NEW BUS FOR OUR CHURCH

GOAL	\$35,000
<u>DONATIONS RECEIVED</u>	<u>\$22,420</u>
NEEDED	\$12,580

Can you guess who this child is?

Ask Gary Blankinship 855-0896, or phone the church at 855-0561.

The last photo was of Barbara Jones.

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

"By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to guide our feet into the way of peace." Luke 1:78-79, NRSV

"I grew up in Salem United Methodist Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. To say the church has influenced me isn't enough. My family at Salem has shaped who I am today. Not only have they taught me about God and my faith, but from them I've learned about life. They taught me how to love, how to be loved; that I am special, capable, worthy of what I have been given and obligated to give back. There is no greater influence on my life than my church."

Kimberly Brook, a senior at North Central College, Naperville, Ill., is grateful for the church she loves and for the financial assistance that allows her to attend a private Christian college. "With scholarships," she says, "I am able to go to the school of my choice. I like the small class sizes and the opportunities to enrich my college experience."

Thanks to generous gifts on **United Methodist Student Day**, Kim and other talented students attending United Methodist-related and other accredited colleges and universities receive scholarships and loans. "I hope to continue my education and to get my doctorate so I can become a professor of psychology," she notes. Whether teaching vacation Bible school, writing and directing church musicals, participating in leadership roles at the annual conference level, or serving as a volunteer in mission, Kim shows initiative, maturity, and a profound love for Jesus Christ. She looks forward to the future: "I have many more things to do and places to go!"

Your offering on **United Methodist Student Day** guides promising students "into the way of peace." Please give generously! Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!

LETTER FROM DAVID AND LORI PERSONS

Dear Friends,

This has been a full year of travel! As we continue itinerating,, we started the year in California. In March we returned to Congo, so as to be able to give our courses and taking administrative responsibilities in the wake of Dr. Munene's untimely death. Our time in Africa included two weeks of teaching at the Kafakumba Pastor's School in Zambia. We were so grateful and pleased to graduate 18 student families at the end of June and see them enter the ministry. This summer also brought four VIM (Volunteers In Mission) work teams to Mulungwishi. Each brought special answers to particular problems we were facing at Mulungwishi. No doubt about it, they were hand picked by the Lord to be with our community. August found us involved with the Masters of leadership program with instructors from Canada, Central African Republic, and Congo. Then back to the States, the end of August, for completion of our last six months of iteration to supporting churches. Starting in September, we have found ourselves rolling through Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, and New Mexico. After Christmas we will be in Washington State, California, and Arizona. We are so blessed by

the many loving partnerships we have, with you across the US.

We are happily planning for our family being together at Christmas. Michelle and Jeff are here in the Denver area. Andrew has just flown back from Australia. Amber will be flying in from Seattle. Jeff's parents are driving from Illinois, and his brothers Dustin and Brian and sister-in-law Saka live here in Colorado.

In 1990 the Christmas pageant put on by the high schoolers on our mission station of Mulungwishi ended with the slaughter of the children of Bethlehem. It was a particularly poignant political statement since that year General Mobutu, the military dictator, had had killed over 300 university students in a neighboring city. This perspective, of suffering linked with Christmas, is the other side of the coin from niceties that we decorate our Christmases with here in the United States. Peaceful manger scenes, wise men following a star, shepherds and sheep adorn our houses, our churches, and our thinking. Killing of children, wars and refugees are also part of the Christmas story.

The world today is a very dark place. Christmas will be celebrated this year in Congo, where over 4 million people have lost their lives and continue because of power and greed over minerals that God has placed in the country. Christmas will be celebrated in refugee camps (just this past week another 60,000 were displaced because of fighting based on ethnic differences in the northeastern part of the country). Levels of insanity pervade our own country where shooting of innocent people seems to be a daily event. Sorrow over lost loved ones on all sides of the conflicts of Iraq, Afghanistan, the Middle East, and the list goes on and on.

Why celebrate Christmas when there is so much suffering? Because IT IS God's ANSWER and REALITY to the darkness that we have created. God by sending JESUS IS bringing in LIGHT to the obscurity to the obscurity with which we cloak ourselves. He has come to save us from ourselves and from the atmosphere of self-centered greed and hatred we have created. We celebrate because this is real HOPE! God loves us! God is with us! God wants to participate in every part of our lives as individuals! God in Jesus is here to change us and the world we live in! Let us celebrate and join with the choir of angels, "JOY TO THE WORLD. THE LORD HAS COME!"

Please continue to pray for the following:

- Our travel and sharing in the churches.
- Our family.
- A new academic year at Mulungwishi
- Six of our faculty members coming to General Conference
- Preparation of work teams coming to join us
- Peace and justice in Congo

We wish you all of the Lord's blessings for this Christmas Season and for the coming year.

David and Lorene Persons, missionaries to Congo

OUR CHURCH HAS A LIFELINE BLOOD SERVICES ACCOUNT

When we meet our church's annual blood donation goal, all our church members receive blood free of charge. If you give blood, please designate it to the church's LIFELINE Blood Services account: #310.

OUR CHURCH HAS A LIFELINE BLOOD SERVICES ACCOUNT

If you give blood, please designate it to the church's LIFELINE Blood Services account: #310. **When we meet our church's annual blood donation goal, all our church members receive blood free of charge.** When you need blood, tell the hospital or clinic that you are from First United Methodist Church of Trenton, Account #310 through LIFELINE Blood Services.

REELFOOT RURAL MINISTRY NEWS

(1) All United Methodist Women are reminded to bring their soup labels to the church's fellowship hall and place them in the collection barrel.

(2) Please remember that Reelfoot Rural Ministry's Toy Drive begins in November (new toys only).

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2-R. S. Phelan. 3-Christy Wallsmith. 5-Mary Mills. Claire Rollins. 7-Emily Walker. 10-Charlie Lancaster. Rayford Washburn. David Jones. 12-Terry Agee. 14- Storm Johnson. J. T. Vernon. 17- Tony Blackburn. 18-Tommy Jowers. 20-Emily Jones. Carol Edwards. 22-Virginia Cherry. 24- Jake Lewis.

OUR VAN MINISTRY

If you would like to have the church van pick you up Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings, please call Barbara Griggs at 855-2577. If no answer, wait for the beep and leave your recorded message. Tell Barbara whether this is a single-time need or if you will be a regular rider and will be riding the van every Sunday morning or every Wednesday. Then, you will only need to notify Barbara of any occasion when you cannot attend.

Wednesday, October 17

5:30 p.m. -Wonderific Wednesday meal: Pot-Luck

6:15 p.m. - Children's Music Program continues,

led by Leigh Boyce.

6:15 p.m. - Adult study of The Parables of Jesus,

led by Rev. Jowers

7:00 p.m. - Choir practice.

WHAT ARE WE CULTIVATING?

Once upon a time there was a rich King who had four wives. He loved the fourth wife the most and adorned her with rich robes and treated her to the finest of delicacies. He gave her nothing but the best. He also loved the third wife very much and was always showing her off to neighboring kingdoms. However, he feared that one day she would leave him for another. He also loved his second wife. She was his confidant and was always kind, considerate and patient with him. Whenever the King faced a problem, he could confide in her, and she would help him get through the difficult times. The King's first wife was a very loyal partner and had made great contributions in maintaining his wealth and kingdom. However, he did not love the first wife. Although she loved him deeply, he hardly took notice of her!

One day, the King fell ill and he knew his time was short. He thought of his luxurious life and wondered, "I now have four wives with me, but when I die, I'll be all alone." Thus, he asked the fourth wife, "I loved you the most, endowed you with the finest clothing and showered great care over you. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No way!" replied the fourth wife, and she walked away without another word. Her answer cut like a sharp knife right into his heart. The sad King then asked the third wife, "I loved you all my life. Now that I'm dying, will you follow me and keep me company?" "No!" replied the third wife. "Life is too good! When you die, I'm going to remarry!" His heart sank and turned cold. He then asked the second wife, "I have always turned to you for help and you've always been there for me. When I die, will you follow me and keep me company?" "I'm sorry, I can't help you out this time!" replied the second wife. "At the very most, I can only walk with you to your grave." Her answer struck him like a bolt of lightning, and the King was devastated. Then a voice called out: "I'll go with you. I'll follow you no matter where you go." The King looked up, and there was his first wife. She was very skinny as she suffered from malnutrition and neglect. Greatly grieved, the King said, "I should have taken much better care of you when I had the chance."

In truth, we all have the 4 wives in our lives: Our fourth wife is our body. No matter how much time and effort we lavish in making it look good, it will leave us when we die. Our third wife is our possessions, status and wealth. When we die, it will all go to others. Our second wife is our family and friends. No matter how much they have been there for us, the furthest they can stay by us is up to the grave. And our first wife is our Soul, often neglected in pursuit of wealth, power and pleasures of the world. However, our Soul is the only thing that will follow us wherever we go. Cultivate, strengthen and cherish it now, for it is the only part of us that will follow us to the throne of God and continue with us throughout Eternity.

OUR VAN MINISTRY HAS STARTED

If you would like to have the church van pick you up Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings, please call Barbara Griggs at 855-2577. If there is no answer, wait for the beep and leave your message.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SPECIAL OFFERING

"Development cannot be done *for* people. It has to be done *with* them and *by* them." Crusade Scholar Jean-Michel Basquin, studying at South Dakota State

University, Brookings, is eager to return home to Haiti. Equipped with a doctorate in rural sociology, his goal is to "help the Methodist Church of Haiti to shape a better future for the country."

"Lack of rural development," he explained, "often results in overpopulated cities, higher crime rates and other social problems. A healthy society depends on the balance between rural and urban development as most natural resources, including land for food production, are in the rural areas." Reflecting on the Crusade Scholarship that enabled him to do graduate studies with little financial burden, he said, "I can't be thankful enough. That scholarship is exactly what the church needs to fulfill its global mission. It empowers people so they can empower others."

The former campus ministry director at SDSU added, "I grew up in the church. I believe in the role the church plays in improving people's lives." In helping people to achieve their potential, he noted, "Scholarships are more than important. My scholarship has sustained me substantially. I could not do without it."

Because of caring United Methodists, Jean-Michel and other deserving students receive the opportunity for a quality education. The World Communion Sunday offering provides scholarships for U.S. (racial- and ethnic-minority) and international students, on both undergraduate and graduate levels. Please give generously. Your gift makes a world of difference!

CLEANING OUR CHURCH

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help clean in September. ... Getting together for some fun working fellowship time can be a very spiritual experience. All of us should try it sometime. Don't feel that you have to be signed up to clean. If you find an hour or two on hour hands and you have seen something that needs doing, come on down. You will not offend anyone if you get into their cleaning space. You know the saying "Many hands make light work." Let's make some light work and keep our holy place clean. Thanks again to all who have helped and have signed up to help.

Your servants in Christ,
The Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the Trustees,
the Finance Committee, the Education Committee.

OUR CHURCH HAS A LIFELINE BLOOD SERVICES ACCOUNT

(If you give blood, please designate it to the church's LIFELINE Blood Services account: #310.)

When we meet our church's annual blood donation goal, all our church members receive blood free of charge. When you need blood, tell the hospital or clinic that you are included in First United Methodist Church of

Trenton's account #310 through LIFELINE Blood Services.

UNITED METHODIST MEN GOLF SCRAMBLE Brownsville Country Club, Saturday, October 4

7:30 a.m. sign in. 8:00 a.m. tee off - shot gun start
Mulligans - \$5 each. Cost \$55 per person (fees, cart, etc.)
Food and beverage included in \$55 cost.

This four-man scramble is to raise funds to support the programs of the Memphis Conference United Methodist Men. Bring your own teams, or we will team you with others. Teams will be placed in fights. There will be prizes awarded to each flight.

Register by October September 29
Questions? Call Dick Pilbeam at 901-488-7206.
Forms outside our church office.

OUR VAN MINISTRY

If you would like to have the church van pick you up Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings, please call Barbara Griggs at 855-2577. If no answer, wait for the beep and leave your recorded message. Tell Barbara whether this is a single-time need or if you will be a regular rider and will be riding the van every Sunday morning or every Wednesday. Then, you will only need to notify Barbara of any occasion when you cannot attend.

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane McClanahan M-F between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561.

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane McClanahan M-F between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561.

NEW: LAKESHORE ADULTS (18+) RETREAT

Adults' Arts Retreat - October 26-28.

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane McClanahan Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Printing Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561

8:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. - Free Health Clinic
Free blood pressure tests and blood sugar **with fasting**

Noon to 5:30 - Bloodmobile at Trenton Courthouse
All donors will receive a

BUBBA NEEDED PRAYER

Bubba goes to the Revival and listens to the Preacher. After a while, the Preacher asks anyone with needs to come forward and be Prayed over. Bubba gets in line. When it's his turn, the preacher says, "Bubba, what you want me to pray about?" Bubba says, "Preacher, I need you to Pray for my Hearing." So the Preacher puts one finger in Bubba's ear, and the other hand on top of his head, and prays a while. After a few minutes, he removes his hands and says, "Bubba, how's your Hearing now?"

Bubba says, "I don't know Preacher, it's not until next Wednesday in Baton Rouge."

**UMW FUND RAISER
RADA CUTLERY AND QUICK MIX DIPS
& QUICK MIX COOKBOOK**

Sun-Dried Tomato Bread Mix and dips of several kinds, some sweet, some savory. Savory dips are \$2.25. Sweet dips are \$3.25. Have you tried the tomato-garlic-basil dip? Also, for 50 cents you can buy the Quick Mix Cook Book.

YOU CAN GIVE THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

All are welcome to give the Children's Sermon during our Sunday morning worship. Texts of children's sermons are available, organized by Bible chapter and verse, at www.childrens-sermons.com with user name "Katey" and password "FUMC." Or you can create your own sermon. Call Diane McClanahan 855-0561 M-F 9-1 to set a date for you to give the children's sermon.

NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSON ANNUALS

Sunday School teachers who use The New International Lesson Annual will now find the edition for 2007--2008 in the church office. We have 3 copies left now.

Please pick up a copy at your convenience.

DO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACOLYTE?

If any child is interested in being an acolyte, please speak to Pat Haltom, Judy Woods, or Glenna Helms.

EARN MONEY

**FOR LAKESHORE'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND
BY USING WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM**

Each time you search the Internet, simply use www.goodsearch.com, and money from Yahoo advertisers will go to Lakeshore without you spending a dime. On "Enter your charity here" key in "Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly." Then hit "Verify" and put in your search. (Fraudulent or obviously excessive searches will result in Lakeshore losing its right to use this service.)

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane Monday--Friday, between 9 and 1.
Printing Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561

NEW INTERNATIONAL LESSON ANNUALS ARE IN

Sunday School teachers who use The New International Lesson Annual will now find the new edition for 2007-2008 in the church office.

Please pick up a copy at your convenience.

ACOLYTES

If any child is interested in being an acolyte, please speak to Pat Haltom, Judy Woods, or Glenna Helms.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

8- R. B. Hodges 8- Pat Zarecor 9- Billy George 9- Kyle Smith
13- Dorothy Hardaway 16- Dorothy Ellison 19- Keata
Nicholson 22- Courtney Ballentine 23- Frances Phelan
25- Frank Parker 28- Susan Woods 31- Tricia Young

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1- Jordan Leigh Grant 6- Dot Davis 7- Chris Smith
12- Judy Hickerson 15- Erma Dollar 17- Alexandra Avery
21- Debbie Grant 21- Becky George 22- Bob Holman
22- Karin Johnson 23- Shelby Weathersbee 27- Rod Williams
31- Hunter Smith.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

8-R.B. Hodges 8-Pat Zarecor 9-Billy George 9-Kyle Smith
13-Dorothy Hardaway 15-Gracey Estes 16-Dorothy Ellison
22-Courtney Ballentine 25-Frank Parker 28-Susan Woods
31-Tricia Young

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1- Chuck Zarecor 2- Frederick Agee 4- Brittney Peterson
7- Marilyn Holder 9- Rebecca Taylor 10- Charles Carr
11- Brad Ballentine 11- Perry Lane 13- Gail Phelan
13- Glenna Helms 17- Kevin Mosley 20- Anne Coble
24- Barbara Shoaf 26- Joseta Barker 26- David Moore
30- Neil Ernest

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1- Chuck Zarecor 2- Frederick Agee 4- Brittney Peterson
7- Marilyn Holder 9- Rebecca Taylor 10- Charles Carr
11- Brad Ballentine 11- Perry Lane 13- Gail Phelan
13- Glenna Helms 17- Kevin Mosley 20- Anne Coble
24- Barbara Shoaf 25- Hunter Crockett 26- Joseta Barker
26- David Moore 30- Neil Ernest

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2- Barbara Griggs. 2- Carol Ann Halliburton. 2- Allie Privitt. 5- Mary Ernest.
6- Judy Estes. 6- Betty Poteet. 10- Sandy Hodges. 11- Clint Buchanan.
11- Susan Buchanan. 14- Shelby Moore. 18- Noraine Becton. 20- Terrie
Joyner. 20- LaNita VanDyke. 20- Diane McClanahan. 21- Dot Kilzer.
26- Sallie Cannon King. 27- Tim Jones. 27- Frank Taylor. 29- Jennifer Moore

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

4- Mattie Carr. 4- Daniel Hodges. 6- Gil Rollins. 6- Beverly Jowers.
7- Joy Weathersbee. 8- Lennie Mai Hicks. 11- Nancy Bailey. 14-
Kerri Ballentine. 14- Betty Denton. 15- Berlyne Holman. 15-
Bethany Crockett. 19- Dorothy Lancaster. 20- Tassie Hopkins. 26-
Peggy Davis. 27- Finis Carr. 30- Fred Davis. 31- Walter Kilzer

Evangelism Team

We are your Evangelism Team: Joseta Barker, Clint Buchanan, Jeff Carr, Billy George, Franky Hodges, Corinne Wade Holman, Bettye Jackson (Chair), Barbara Jones, Glenda Lane, Judie Reasons, and TyAnne Ridings.

Know someone who needs attention? Let us know. -

**"LIFE LINE SCREENING" AT FUMC
TRENTON ON FRIDAY, MAY 11**

10 MINUTES THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Strokes can be prevented 75% of the time!

Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the number one reason for adult disability, and 50% of all strokes occur without warning. For anyone who is interested, Life Line Screening will be at the First United Methodist Church on Friday, May 11.

Life Line Screening uses state-of-the-art ultrasound technology to screen (1) the carotid arteries in the neck (up to 75% of all strokes are associated with carotid artery blockage) and (2) the arteries in the legs for peripheral arterial disease (PAD), which is linked to heart disease. They also offer a test for (3)

aneurysms in the aortic vessel of the abdomen. Life Line Screening will also offer (4) a bone density screening to test for the early detection of osteoporosis.

This is a preventative program, and is really worth participating in. Problems can be detected early and taken care of BEFORE symptoms occur and become a big problem. Your results are sent to you, and you are *referred back to your own doctor*. (Your Doctor may recommend a yearly screening). These non-invasive, completely painless screenings take about 10 minutes and are \$129 for all four tests. Individual tests are \$45 each **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER**. Please call 1-800-324-1851 for your appointment or for more information. This event will also be advertised in the community, so reserve your appointment today, as appointments are limited and fill very quickly.

Clean up, Paint Up, Fix Up

With the installation of Bermuda sod on the church's front lawn, another major improvement project, begun in 2006, has drawn to completion. That work has remedied some serious drainage problems, corrected the grade of the yard, created better access to our Fellowship Hall and fixed some dangerously uneven sidewalks. In the past year, our Trustees have proven great stewards, and people in our congregation have worked with them to help us get the most bang from every hard-earned dollar.

Our Fellowship Hall remodel yielded us great, attractive space for meals, gatherings and special events. New flooring, paint and wainscoting throughout the facility have visually brought our 1914, 1948 and 1960 buildings together. New ceiling panels have been installed in the kitchen. New carpets were installed upstairs. Archives of our historic congregation have been made more attractively accessible to members and guests. The FUMY Room has been moved upstairs so that our young people have better claim on their own space, and that allowed other changes for better space utilization. Even the "Flower Room", where floral, holiday and decorative arrangements are kept and stored, has been more thoughtfully organized. Over the Christmas holidays, Glenda Lane even painted our Mom's Day Out Office and the Church Nursery!

Of course, the Trustees have a wish list ever before them. For 2007, there's a sanctuary gutter leak that must be repaired before the interior walls can be refurbished, and there are damaged window sills upstairs which need replacement. Flooring in the church office will soon be installed. While the House & Grounds Committee attends to matters like lighting, leaks, minor maintenance, shelves here and hooks there, etc., there are also dreams of re-paving our parking lot, installing a new church sign and making other significant upgrades. After all, if we intend to be a people of hospitality inviting others with *Open Hearts, Open Minds and Open Doors*, we want our church home to be a hospitable place!

Thank you for the encouragement and financial support you extended in 2006 so the work could be done. Be sure you thank the Trustees for their faithful sense of responsibility--and to thank God we have such committed workers and supporters in our midst.

UMMEN's GOLF SCRAMBLE, MAY 12 Brownsville Country Club

Register by May 6: Call UMMen President Dick Pilbeam, 901-488-7206. The cost is \$55 per person--greens, cart, registration, food, beverage. Mulligans \$5 after sign-in. All money raised will support the programs of the men of the Memphis conference. Sign-in for the 4-man scramble will be at 7:30 a.m. Shot gun start tee off at 8:00. Men are encouraged to bring their own teams, but scramble organizers will be happy to team you with others. Teams will be placed in flights and prizes awarded for each flight.

PRAYER CHAIN VIA PHONE TREE

Our automated Phone Tree is usually using a short list and thus only contacting those who were on the old telephone-relay Prayer Chain lists. If you would like to receive prayer chain messages from the Phone Tree recorded message machine, please give your name and phone number to Diane McClanahan at 855-0561.

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane McClanahan Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Printing Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2007

PAID EXPENSES	13,427.15
UNPAID INSURANCE EXP.	2,048.55
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS EXP.	3,311.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,787.61
TOTAL INCOME	14,082.95
BALANCE	(negative) -4,704.66
YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE	(negative) -16,422.01

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE REPORTER your church newspaper for 38 cents per week DEADLINE IS LAST SUNDAY IN MARCH

Return your subscription form and payment of \$19.50 for 52 weekly issues to Diane McClanahan, or just put these in the collection plate any Sunday morning in March.

So far, 4 households have turned in their subscriptions. We need your form and payment on Diane's desk by March 28.

Forms are on the table outside the church office.

PROJECTS OF THE UNITED METHODIST LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING

United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) World Hunger Poverty: This umbrella fund administered by UMCOR provides emergency relief for persons living in hunger, especially in areas experiencing famine. It is also engaged in long-term prevention by helping farmers learn how to better grow food and care for livestock, by digging wells, and planting seedlings to prevent erosion.

Heifer Project International: Arkansas-based, this world-wide ecumenical ministry purchases farm animals for persons in Third World countries. The recipients, trained in caring for the animals by

Heifer, agree to pass on the first-born to another family.

Society of St. Andrew (Potato Project):

Two United Methodist pastors first started this ministry in Virginia. Vegetables that would otherwise be discarded are gleaned from fields and processing plants and then shipped to food banks, soup kitchens, and other groups engaged in providing food for hungry people.

Reelfoot Rural Ministries: Located in rural Northwest Tennessee, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, a ministry of the Memphis Conference, offers food assistance to thousands of adults and children living in one of the most poverty-stricken areas of the United States.

United Methodist Neighborhood Centers: This Memphis Conference ministry offers food to the needy in the Memphis area.

Memphis Food Bank, RIFA Food Depot and Paducah Cooperative Ministry: These food banks supply many area soup kitchens and feeding ministries.

Hunters for the Hungry: This ministry, supported by the men of the United Methodist Church, underwrites the harvesting of local deer by local hunters. The deer are then processed by local processors and taken to local food banks for the hungry of West Tennessee and Western Kentucky.

District Projects: Administered by the District Superintendents, this portion of the Lenten World Hunger Offering is distributed to district and local church food programs.

Emergency and Promotion: A small amount of the offering is used to print and mail World Hunger Offering materials. The remainder is used for emergency situations that arise each year such as flooding in Obion County and national disasters such as Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

We will be collecting for the United Methodist World Hunger Offering on Easter Day. World Hunger Calendars for Lent are available outside the church office.

FACTS ABOUT HUNGER

Every five seconds, a child dies from hunger.

Today, 852 million people across the world are hungry, up from 842 million a year ago. (bread.org)

Every day, more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes--one child every five seconds. (bread.org)

Each year, 40 million people die from hunger-related causes. This figure is equivalent to more than 300 jumbo jet crashes a day with no survivors. (heartsandminds.org).

Every year 12 million people die from lack of water, including 3 million children from waterborne diseases; 1.1 billion lack access to clean water; 2.4 billion live without decent sanitation; and 4 billion without wastewater disposal. (heartsandminds.org)

Undernourishment can stunt growth, slow thinking, sap energy, hinder fetal development, and contribute to mental retardation.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2007

PAID EXPENSES	13,427.15
UNPAID INSURANCE EXP.	2,048.55
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS EXP.	3,311.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	18,787.61
TOTAL INCOME	14,082.95
BALANCE	(negative) -4,704.66
YEAR-TO-DATE BALANCE	(negative) -16,422.01

Monday,

6:30 p.m. - United Methodist Men

7:00 p.m. - Loyal Workers at

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Trenton Ministerial Alliance announces that Christian congregations in our community will again honor a Holy Week tradition by hosting and having members visit with each other in the final days before Easter. Everyone will gather for a free noonday meal, special music, a devotional, and perhaps a little singing, all of which will be over within the hour. Invite someone to join you, and come every day! The schedule of locations and devotional leaders is as follows:

Monday, April 2

New Way; Rev. Walter Lockhart

Tuesday, April 3

First United Pentecostal; Bro. Ronnie Coleman

Wednesday, April 4

First Baptist; Pastor Kyle Rudd

Maundy Thursday, April 5

First United Methodist Church; Bro. Mike Kemper

Good Friday, April 6

First Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dan Weathersbee

VBS COMING IN JULY

Anyone who wants to help with Vacation Bible School in any way, please let Alicia Estes know by speaking to her at church or calling her at home (855-2002) so she will know whom to notify when setting a planning meeting

If you have something for the church newsletter, contact Diane McClanahan Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Printing Deadline is Monday evening. Phone 855-0561

BE A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER THROUGH CARIS

Do you want to make a difference? As a CARIS Hospice volunteer you can hold a hand, drive a car, use a computer, mow a lawn, address envelopes, feed a pet, bake a cake, share a laugh, listen to cherished memories, pat a shoulder, give a hug, touch a heart, change a life - maybe your own. Anyone 16 and older can volunteer.

For more information, contact CARIS volunteer coordinator Debra Taylor at 686-3723.

FLOWER FUND FOR MORE THAN FLOWERS

Not only does the Flower Fund pay for permanent flowers and vases. It also provides storage systems for such things, including Christmas decorations.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2007

PAID EXPENSES	\$13,328.80
UNPAID INSURANCE EXP.	\$1,793.63
UNPAID APPORTIONMENTS EXP.	\$3,311.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$18,434.34
TOTAL INCOME	\$13,949.41
BALANCE	\$4,484.93

ACOLYTES

If any child is interested in being an acolyte, please speak to Pat Haltom, Judy Woods, or Glenna Helms.

RADA QUICK MIX DIPS & QUICK MIX COOKBOOK

Just in: Sun-Dried Tomato Bread Mix. Savory dips are \$2.25. Sweet dips are \$3.25. Also, for 50 cents you can buy the Quick Mix Cook Book. UMW fund-raiser.

THE TOP TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2007

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

Christmas Carol Quiz Answers

1. Born a child and yet a King -- *Come, thou Long-Expected Jesus*
2. Mild He lays his glory by -- *Hark, The Herald Angels Sing*
3. Ye who sang creation's story -- *Angels From the Realms of Glory*
4. And wonders of His love -- *Joy to the World*
5. O how lovely, O how pure -- *He is Born the Divine Christ Child*
6. And still their heavenly music floats -- *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
7. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing -- *O Come, All Ye Faithful*
8. On a cold winter's night that was so deep -- *The first Noel*
9. He come from the glorious kingdom -- *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy*
10. Lie the ages impearled -- *There's a Song in the Air*
11. Where meek souls will receive Him still -- *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
12. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb -- *We Three Kings*
13. You'll forget your flocks, You'll forget your herds -- *Rise Up, Shepherds*
14. Radiant beams from They holy face -- *Silent Night*
15. Such a Babe in such a place -- *Good King Wenceslas*
16. Haste, haste to bring Him laud -- *What Child Is This*
17. That mourns in lonely exile here - *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
18. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow -- *Infant Holy*
19. Love for plea and gift and sign -- *Love Came Down at Christmas*
20. I gave Him hay to pillow His head -- *The Friendly Beasts*
21. Ox and ass before Him bow -- *Good Christian Men Rejoice*
22. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him -- *In the Bleak Midwinter*
23. True man yet very God -- *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*
24. Disperse the gloomy clouds of night -- *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
25. He came down to earth from heaven -- *Once in royal David's City*
26. God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn -- *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*
27. And thus that manger poor became a throne -- *The Snow Lay on the Ground*
28. God's stupendous sign -- *Star Child*
29. The wrong shall fail, the right prevail -- *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
30. This gift of god we'll cherish well -- *How Great Our Joy*