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**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Spring is definitely in the air and clearly demonstrated as nature brings us some beautiful and breathtaking surprises. The long winter has enabled us to better appreciate a more pleasant return to warmer weather and outdoor activities. Students are enjoying the spring break, but don't ever underestimate the joy and relief of their respective teachers who also experience some well earned leisure and fun!

How we marvel at God's creative genius whenever we behold how He provides everyone with a colorful and invigorating environment! We are tempted to worship nature by itself instead of the God who sets it in motion. Do we realize the significance of the hymn writer's words when we sing "This is my father's world. O let me ne'er forget..."? I praise and thank God that He blessed me with adequate sight and hearing to fully experience this natural and spiritual world. How do we say "Thank you, God, for revealing Your endless love."? John Wesley's three great rules of life provide our answer: "Do good; do no harm; attend to God's holy ordinances."

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

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**GUEST MINISTER THIS SUNDAY**

Rev. James Calhoun will present the sermon for this Sunday, March 25. He and his wife, Pat, reside in Union City, where he continues to fill numerous pulpits across the Memphis Conference. May God bless and empower the proclamation of the gospel! Please be present for this special worship that not only features the inspirational preaching of Rev. Calhoun, but also the singing of one of our most gifted choir members, Joe Hammonds.

### **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

If there should be an emergency while Bro. Tommy is taking a few days off to visit his son in Virginia, please contact Rev. Gene Rollins, pastor of Union United Methodist Church, located on Highway 54 E (686-8169).

### **UNITED METHODIST MEN'S FISH FRY**

Our United Methodist Men's Annual Fish Fry will be this Saturday, March 21, beginning at 5:00 p.m. (ending 6:30). The menu includes fried filet catfish, French fries, slaw, beans, dessert, and drink. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from any of our UMM members.

### **YOUTH NEWS by Jacob Ross**

**CHANGE OF PLANS:** On Sunday, March 15, our UMYF will meet, after all, for their usual fellowship meal at 5:30 p.m. with meeting to follow at 6:00 p.m.

Also in March, Breakfast Club at 6:45 a.m. at Cotton's Cafe will be moved to March 17 due to my being out of town for spring break on the usual date. All ages (children through adult) are invited to attend to eat breakfast and fellowship with our youth.

**YOUTH AND CHILDREN INTERESTED IN GOING TO LAKESHORE,** please contact Alicia Estes for registration forms (home: 855-2002, cell: 571-0303).

**CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT SATUR., APRIL 11  
IN MEMBERS' YARDS ON ROSEMONT DRIVE**

10 a.m. to noon, to include lunch in the backyard of Barbara and Frank Parker. All parents, please contact Alicia Estes (855-3002 or 571-0303) or Michele Phelan (855-1559) to help with providing the lunch. All who wish to support this activity, please bring plastic eggs filled with candy and/or "prize eggs" to the church office by Sunday, April 5.

### **LENTEN WORLD HUNGER OFFERING**

The above offering will be received and dedicated on Easter Sunday, May 12th, during the morning worship service. Please be sure to set aside some daily and weekly offerings that we may provide immediate assistance to God's malnourished children in America and throughout the world.

## **PASTOR'S CONFIRMATION CLASS NEWS**

We had a good session with our confirmation class on March 15. Please be in daily prayer for all those involved. The class members are Teagan Bartholomew, Blake Estes, Jake Hinson, Daniel Hodges, Sydney Phelan, Christian Roberts, Rachel Rollins, Logan Wallsmith, and Bailey Williams. Adult Mentors are Carolyn Blankinship, Betty Denton, Glenna Helms, Marty Hinson, Barbara Jones, Sid Phelan, Betty Poteet, Judie Reasons, Larry Ridings. Parents: Be sure that your child brings his or her Bible to class this Sunday at 4:30 sharp. **GOSPEL SING TO BENEFIT WANDA DYAN DORADO AND HER DAUGHTER, ROSA**

Friday, March 27, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Chapel Church, Clay Farm Road (between Atwood and McLemoresville). Singing Fire Fighters, Under Grace, Frog Jump Gospel Quartet.

### **MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE HOLY WEEK SERVICES**

Wednesday, April 8

Noon Luncheon at Trenton First United Methodist Church

Devotion by Joel Pigg, pastor of Salem Baptist Church

Thursday, April 9

Noon Luncheon at Salem Baptist Church

Devotion by Clyde Rose, pastor of Trenton First

Assembly of God

7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service at First Baptist Church

Sermon, John Singleton of Soul's Harbor Pentecostal

Church

Friday, April 10

Noon Luncheon at Trenton First Presbyterian Church

Devotion by Wm. T. Jowers of Trenton First United

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Give your photos from your childhood or youth to Carolyn or Gary Blankinship. The last photo in the newsletter was of Jim Holman and Bob Holman. The person who won the golden dollar is Barbara Jones.



### **GREETERS**

March 22 Judie & Roger Reasons  
March 29 Barbara & Harold Griggs  
April 5 Debbie Grant & Michael Wallsmith  
April 12 Pat Zarecor & Jo Bowles

### **ACOLYTES**

March 22 Daniel Hodges & Blake Estes  
March 29 Gracey Estes & Annie Bartholomew  
April 5 Tyson Bartholomew & Josey Phelan  
April 12 Rachel Rollins & Bailey Williams

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

March 22	Romans 8:35-39	Becky George
March 29	St. John 12:27-36	Judy Woods
April 5	TBA	Charlotte Zarecor
April 12	TBA	TBA

### **CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

March 22 Jane Maule  
March 29 Sandy Hodges  
April 5 Sherry Buchanan  
April 12 Jeff Carr

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **CALENDAR**

Saturday, March 21  
5:00 to 6:30 p.m. - Our United Methodist Men's Fish Fry  
Sunday, March 22  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service  
4:30 p.m. - Confirmation Training Class  
5:30 p.m. - UMYF meal followed by UMYF meeting  
No Love Notes Handbell Choir rehearsal  
Monday, March 23 - 6:30 p.m. - Loyal Workers meeting at the home  
of Trudy Phillips. Please note change in time.  
Tuesday, March 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Sweet Spirits meeting  
Wednesday, March 25  
5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday Meal - Pot-Luck  
6:00 p.m. - UMYF upstairs. Adult study in the fellowship hall.  
6:00 p.m. - Children's Music Time. No Craft Time this week.

7:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal in the sanctuary

Friday, March 27

7:00 p.m. - Singing at Christ Chapel Church on Clay Farm Road to benefit Wanda Dyan Dorado and her daughter, Rosa Dorado

Sunday, March 29

5:30 p.m. - Vacation Bible School Planning Mtg. of volunteer counselors, parents, & all others who would like to participate. Please note change of date.

#### COMING EVENTS

Sunday April 5--Palm Sunday Children's Choir and Children's Handchimers to perform in worship service at 10:50 a.m.

Saturday, April 11-Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. on Rosemont Drive

Sunday, April 12-Easter Sunday Love Notes Handbells perform.

Reception and Dedication of Lenten Hunger Offerings.

2009 Vacation Bible School Dates

Monday through Thursday, July 13-16, 6-8 p.m

Theme: CAMP EDGE, "Experiencing God Anywhere"

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#### ATTENDANCE MARCH 15, 2009

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 90 MORNING WORSHIP: 100

VISITORS IN WORSHIP MARCH 15: Gladys Daniels, Ann Taylor Elliot, Jessica Gilpatrick, James Gilpatrick Jr., Rachel Proudft, Jim Proudft, Elizabeth Nicole.

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#### MEMORIALS

IN HONOR OF MARY & NEIL ERNEST, BARBARA & MURRAY JONES, DONNA & CHARLES CARR

Janice & C.B. Singleton

IN MEMORY OF BEA LOWER, BILL HIGHT, RONNIE RILEY, DR.

JAMES HALL, J. C. NOWELL

Barbara & Frank Parker

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#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 15

TO SANCTUARY DEBT ON MARCH 15	\$10
YEAR TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:	\$583
TO YOUTH FUND ON MARCH 15	\$10
YEAR TO DATE FOR YOUTH FUND	\$580

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#### NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the food, cards, calls, and visits during my recent surgery. Thank you most of all for your prayers and words of

**encouragement. Please continue to pray for me as I recover.  
Church friends are lifetime friends.**