

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our church will celebrate World Communion Day this Sunday, October 5th, during the morning worship service. Rev. John Archer, who resides in Jackson, TN, will present the sermon and also consecrate the sacred elements.

Beverly and I will be visiting our son, Jeff, in Lebanon, Virginia, and we will return on Sunday evening, October 12th. Gideon Sunday will be observed Sunday week, October 12, and our guest Gideon speaker will be David Roberson from Samburg, TN.

If there should be an emergency involving our church family, please contact Diane McClanahan, the church secretary (church office: 855-0561) or call Rev. Gene Rollins at these numbers: 686-8169 (home) or 693-4742 (cellular).

Please bring your communion offering and leave it on the communion rail. These special offerings will be used in our Billie Kinton Memorial Fund to assist needy families within our area. Please keep us in your prayers that God will give us His traveling mercies.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

## UMYF NEWS!

There is a new UMYF Sunday evening schedule this year. Jacob Ross, our new youth director, is including 6th graders in our UMYF program! The schedule is as follows:

- 4:30-5:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF (6th, 7th, 8th grades)
- 5:30-6:00 p.m. - UMYF Joint Meal (6th through 12th grades)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Senior High UMYF (9th through 12th grades)

Adult supper volunteers need to be present from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are not able to come at 4:30 p.m. or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

## SPECIAL JOINT CALLED MEETING OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES

The above committees will meet together Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Rev Kevin Conrad, Director of the Memphis Conference Council on Ministries, will be here to explain our fall stewardship campaign scheduled for this November.

## BILLIE KINTON MEMORIAL FUND

Everyone is encouraged to bring an offering and leave it on the communion rail when you receive the Sacrament on World Communion Sunday, which is next Sunday, October 5. All contributions will be used to assist needy families in our community.

## YOUTH FEST SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

An afternoon of fun is planned for our church's preschooler through high schoolers at the home of the Jonathan Estes family from 3:30 to 6:30. There will be a hayride, a bonfire, games and more. Parents are encouraged to stay and join in, and other adults are also invited to attend and participate in the activities.

## WONDERIFIC WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Don't miss out! Meal at 5:30. Activities 6-7 p.m. Adults meet with Bro. Tommy to study *The Miracles of Jesus*. Peggy Davis is 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, and various mothers are leading crafts with our 4th-6th graders.

The "New International Lesson Annual September 2008--August 2009" is now available outside the church office for teachers who use it.

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**IN CONCERT  
BRIAN FREE & ASSURANCE  
AUSTIN'S BRIDGE  
BEN KIRK**

**@ PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL**

**7:30 PM FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

**SPONSORED BY PEABODY HIGH BAND BOOSTERS**

### **TICKETS:**

Artist Circle (first 10 rows on the floor) \$15  
General Admission in Advance \$10  
Groups of 10 or more call 731-343-6453  
Available at Deaton's Marketplace, Trenton  
Lifeway Bookstore, Jackson  
Lighthouse Bookstore, Union City  
or from any PHS band member (Alex Jones)  
or any PHS Band Boosters member.

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Can you guess who this child is? Ask Gary or Carolyn Blankinship at 855-0896 or phone the church at 855-0561. Share your childhood photos. Get them to Gary Blankinship or Carolyn ASAP. The last photo was of Rachel Lambert, granddaughter of Joyce Flack.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Terry Agee, Susan Buchanan, Shannon Ragusa (dau of M/MCharles Carr), Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel).

**SYMPATHY** is shared with Terrie Joyner and her family on the death of her father, Bill Stover.

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Chris Smith.

**IN RETIREMENT HOMES:** Agnes Evans, Harlan Morris Home, Room 44, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN. Dorothy Hardaway, Room 5, Harlan Morris Home, 400 Harlan Morris Drive, Trenton, TN.

**IN NURSING HOMES:** Terry Agee, Dyer Nursing Home, Rm 319, 1124 North Main, Dyer, TN 38330; Finis & Mattie Carr, Dyer Nursing Home, 1124 North Main Street; Vivian Hight, Humboldt Manor, 2031 Avondale Road., Humboldt, TN.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER:** Marilyn Holder

**USHERS FOR OCTOBER**

\*Sid Phelan Clint Buchanan Jonathan Estes  
Jeff Carr Brad Ballentine Michael Wallsmith

**MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

To volunteer to feed the youth, call Glenna Helms 692-3531

September 28 Kari Alexander  
October 5 Gina Williams  
October 12 Teri & John Maddox  
October 19 Bettye Jackson & Karin Johnson

Supper volunteers will need to be present from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. The meal is served at 5:30. If you are unable to come at 4:30 or to stay after the meal, contact Glenna Helms at 692-3531.

**GREETERS**

October 5 Alicia & Jonathan Estes  
October 12 Becky & Billy George  
October 19 Mary & Neil Ernest  
October 26 Adele & Bobby Moore

**ACOLYTES**

October 5 Logan Wallsmith & Daniel Hodges  
October 12 Sydney Phelan & Rachel Rollins  
October 19 Annie Bartholomew & Tyson Bartholomew  
October 26 Gracey Estes & Josey Phelan

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

October 5 I John 1:5-10 Judy Woods  
October 12 Isaiah 55:6-11 Dorothy Lancaster  
October 19 I John 1:1-10 Barbara Jones  
October 26 TBA Bettye Jackson

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

October 5 Peggy Davis  
October 12 TBA  
October 19 Faye Campbell  
October 26 Glenna Helms

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

4-Mattie Carr. 4-Daniel Hodges. 6-Beverly Jowers. 6-Gil Rollins.  
8-Lennie Mai Hicks. 11-Nancy Bailey. 13-Gerry Nelson.  
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.

**NOTE OF THANKS**

*There is no way we can thank our church family for all the attention we have had during Coach's illness and death. Your kindness and caring has meant so much to us. How can we find the right words to thank you? All the food, cards, and telephone calls have been tremendous. Thank you, ladies, for preparing the food for the family. Coach really loved his church even though he had not been able to come in four months.*

*Coach's family*

**CALENDAR**

Thursday, October 2

7:00 p.m. - Finance Committee & Stewardship Committee meet jointly.

Sunday, October 5

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation-in the-fellowship hall  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School (to 10:30 a.m.)  
10:50 a.m. - Worship Service  
4:30 p.m. - Junior High UMYF (6th, 7th, 8th grades)  
5:30 p.m. - UMYF Joint Meal (6th through 12th grades)  
6:00 p.m. - Senior High UMYF (9th through 12th grades)

Monday, October 6

7:00 Worship Committee

Tuesday, October 7

8:00-10:00 a.m. - Free Health Clinic. Come fasting for blood sugar!  
Free blood pressure and free fasting blood sugar testing

Wednesday, October 8

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday: meal Pot-Luck  
6:00 p.m. - Crafts, Music and/or Handchimes for children  
Adult Study Assignment: The next miracle of Jesus.  
7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

**ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 28, 2008**

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 86 MORNING WORSHIP: 102

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 28:**

Beth W. Grant, Wendell & Cindy Cheatham, Peyton Cheatham, Kala Keeton, Beau Jackson, Robert & Dorothy Yates, Ann Taylor Elliott, Betty Rowlett.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT SEPT 22-SEPT 28: \$??

TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT: \$14,307

TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES: \$2959

**MEMORIALS**

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

**TO THE TRUSTEES MEMORIAL FUND**

**IN HONOR OF THE WESLEYANN SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS, BARBARA & HAROLD GRIGGS, PEGGY & FRED DAVIS, BARBARA & FRANK PARKER.**

**IN MEMORY OF "COACH" KILZER, "JACK" WALKER, MELISSA ARNOLD NICHOLS, ROZELLE ELLISON, BETTY STEWART, HUGHLINE DICKEY, RUTH MUELLER.**  
Frances Taylor and Judy Taylor

**IN MEMORY OF BILL STOVER**

Barbara & Murray Jones Mary & Neil Ernest  
Sandy & Franky Hodges (to Handbell Fund)

**IN MEMORY OF WALTER KILZER**

Beth & Sonny Dement Elizabeth & Bart O'Brien\  
Julie & Bret O'Brien Angela O'Brien  
Evans McCaul Annette L. Patterson & family  
Ron Kirkland & family R. H. Ethridge  
Suzanne & Hunter Welles Janice & C. B. Singleton  
Charlene Lemond Lennie Mai Hicks  
Kathi & Tony Burris Pat & Bill Goodrich  
The Franky Hodges family (to our Youth Fund)  
Beverly \*+& John Wallin Frances Joyner

**IN MEMORY OF CLYDE CAMPBELL**

Janice & C. B. Singleton Jewell Hardaway

**IN MEMORY OF JOHN WALKER**

Carolyn & Bob Forster Josephine & Richard Bectoria

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**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.

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

Register by October September 29, 2008.

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.

Register by October September 29, 2008.

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

Forms outside our church office.

**COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP WORKSHOP**

Union City FUMC, Saturday, October 4

or St. Paul UMC, Memphis, October 18

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration 9:30 a.m.

Fee \$20. Forms outside our church office.

Registration deadline September 19, 2008

Leader: Rev. Steven Manskar of the United Methodist  
Minnesota Conference

A Covenant Discipleship group is 5-7 people who meet one hour each week for mutual accountability and support for their discipleship. This workshop will teach you how to start, support, and grow Covenant Discipleship groups. Everyone is welcome to attend. We especially encourage pastors, lay leaders, lay speakers, persons who have participated in Disciple Bible Study, Companions in Christ, and Walk to Emmaus reunion groups to attend. Churches are encouraged to send teams of a pastor and one or more lay persons. Visit the Covenant Discipleship web site: [www.gbod.org/smallgroup/cd](http://www.gbod.org/smallgroup/cd).

The weekly meeting provides a compass heading for their walk with Christ in the world. It is not where it happens; it is where they make sure it happens. Each group writes a covenant shaped by the General Rule of Discipleship: "To witness to Jesus Christ in the world and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

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.

**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 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**

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**UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

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**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 SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER  
BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1**

AREA 1	AREA 2
1A SANCTUARY	2A MEN'S CLASS/CHOIR
Janice & Sammy Dickey	Mary & Neil Ernest
Judy & Billy Woods	MEN (Tile floors)
Becky George	2B CHOIR OFFICE/HALLS
1B VESTIBULE	Bettye Jackson
Sanctuary names listed above.	Carolyn Blankinship
Ken Holder (all flooring)	Carol Ann Halliburton
1C CHOIR EXITS, N & E	MEN (Tile Floors)
Barbara Shoaf	2C RESTROOMS (2x/wk)
Men (Tile Floors)	Sandy Hodges
	MEN (Tile Floors)
AREA 3	AREA 4
KITCHEN	UPSTAIRS
& FELLOWSHIP HALL	Glenda Lane
Kari Alexander	Peggy Davis
Beth Phelan	Teri Maddox
Michele Phelan	Leah Jean Rollins
MEN (Tile Floors)	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

All check-lists are on the table outside the church offices.



**WHAT MY ABSENCE FROM CHURCH DID**

It caused some people to question the reality of my faith.

It made some think that I was a pretender.

It made many think that I consider my spiritual welfare and that of others a matter of small concern.

It weakened the effect of the church service.

It made it harder for the preacher to preach.

It discouraged other church members and robbed them of a blessing.

It caused others to stay away from church.

It made it harder for me to resist the temptation of the devil.

It gave the devil more power and influence over lost people.

It encouraged me to become irregular in church attendance.

**WHAT MY PRESENCE AT CHURCH DID**

It caused people to have confidence in me.

It made people realize that I regard my spiritual welfare and that of others to be matters of great importance.

It had a good effect on the services.

It made my friends feel more welcome.

It encouraged other church members and helped the pastor in his work.

It caused others to come to Christ.

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.

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**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**

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**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  
DONATIONS RECEIVED \$22,420  
 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 itineration 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.

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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**

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### **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.

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### **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.

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### **NEW: LAKESHORE ADULTS (18+) RETREAT**

Adults' Arts Retreat - October 26-28.

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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](http://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](http://WWW.GOODSEARCH.COM)**

Each time you search the Internet, simply use [www.goodsearch.com](http://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.)

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### **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

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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.  
3- Gerry Nelson. 14- Kerri Ballentine. 14- Betty Denton.  
15- Berlynn 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.

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**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.

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### 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

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### 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.

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### 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.

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#### 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
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>\$13,949.41</u>
BALANCE	\$4,484.93

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### RADA QUICK MIX DIPS & QUICK MIX COOKBOOK

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### 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*
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