

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our stewardship program has already experienced significant response from some members of the church family, and we sincerely appreciate your commitments. The next two Sundays are designated as official "Commitment Sundays," and we are asking every couple, single member family, and youth to complete a commitment card; place it in a sealed envelope or a pew envelope; deposit it in the offering plate during worship on November 16 or November 23; or leave it with the church secretary; or simply mail it to the church at P.O. Box 256. Please give your commitment of time, talent, and money much prayer and consideration regarding what you can do toward vitalizing not only your church, but renewing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Do you really want to recapture the joy and fulfillment of doing your "consistent and fair share" as an accountable steward of God's manifold grace?

What actually causes spiritual and financial deficits in the church? You and I are the real variables upon whom that specific question finds its realistic answer! Friends, stewardship and its responsive outcome depend upon "high or low priority" that we assign to God's time, talent, and money. Great givers and great offerings don't happen by chance -- they are definitely intentional by nature and by practice. God does require and God does expect a commitment from everyone that "exceeds" the minimum level! No person is asked to give what they do not have, but everyone is asked to give in a "proportionate manner" based on their blessings of time, talent, and money. Rev. Bill Evans, one of your beloved pastors and one of my former district superintendents, shared this most challenging stewardship statement: "If you cannot step up to tithing, you can at least step up!" What can God expect from you and me during the coming new year?

In Christ's Service,

Rev. William T. Jowers

## BUDGETING YOUR MONEY

1. Do you ever worry about money?  
If so, would you like to worry less?
2. Do you know where your money "really" goes?  
If not, would you like to know?
- #. Do you ever feel you could or should budget your income better?  
If so, would you like to?

If any of the above is a concern for you or of interest to you, a seminar will be held at no cost to provide the tools and support for budgeting your income. This will be a very simple, but effective, method of budgeting.

To show an interest, either call my cell phone at 618-1395 (leave a message if necessary) or e-mail me at

[reasonrbellsouth.net](mailto:reasonrbellsouth.net) (there is no S on ReasonR in this address). Time and place will be based on response.

Judie Reasons

## CONCERT BY LOVE NOTES HANDBELL CHOIR AND CHILDREN'S HANDCHIMERS

A capacity crowd at Alamo First United Methodist Church enjoyed the beautiful music made by our choirs of handbell ringers and children's handchimers the evening of November 9. We are most appreciative of Rev. Jerry Hassell and his congregation for giving us an invitation to share our music with his congregation. Thanks are expressed to the children and adults for an excellent presentation, to our music staff, parents, counselors, and all who gave support and leadership. Also, we are extremely proud that numerous members of our church attended this fine concert!

## UMYF NEWS

We had 5 youth attending on the evening of November 9. We began work that night on our Uganda Wall in the youth room. Members of the church are urged to come and watch the wall's progress as we add to it each week. Also, talk to youth about our Uganda mission project and how you can help. We also ask for continued support from our parents. Consistent attendance is crucial so that we can better inform the meal providers as to how many to cook for.

Jacob Ross, Director of Student Ministries

## TIME TO THINK OF POINSETTIAS

The time is approaching to make our order of poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Because we are making a bulk order, each poinsettia will cost only \$20. Your orders and payment need to be turned in to Diane McClanahan by December 4 along with information as to whom you are honoring with each poinsettia. Make your check payable to FUMC Trenton.

## CHRISTMAS & CULTURE DAY AT LAKESHORE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2008, 10 AM TO 6 PM

Lakeshore will be transformed for the day. This year's culture is Germany: Authentic German foods, decorations, crafts, and activities. A wonderful family outing. From Germany we had the first Christmas trees and "Silent Night." A visit from the Weihnachtsmann or the Christkind! Registration forms are outside the church office. Cost is \$15 per person.

Call 855-0561. There is a prize of a golden dollar to the first person to identify this young lady. Give your childhood photo to Gary or Carolyn Blankinship. The last photo was of Judie Reasons.

**PRAYER AND CARE:** Terry Agee, Joseta Barker, Susan Buchanan, Thomas Cherry, Dot Kilzer, Rachel Lambert, Bea Lowery (mother of Janice Dickey), Barbara Parker, Terry Rivas (sister of Lori Michel).

**IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY:** Otto and Hans Bauer (nephews of Gina Williams), James Patrick Inman, Paul Michael Ross (brother of Jacob Ross), Chris Smith, Chais Milligan Wallsmith.

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

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

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER:** Bettye Jackson

**USHERS FOR NOVEMBER**

\*Sammy Dickey      Thomas Cherry      Jimmy Milligan  
Janice Dickey      Virginia Cherry      Sandy Milligan

**MEALS FOR OUR YOUTH ON SUNDAY EVENINGS**

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

November 16	No UMYF meeting
November 23	Bettye Jackson & Karin Johnson
November 30	No UMYF meeting
December 7	John & Teri Maddox

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**

November 16	Dorothy & Charlie Lancaster
November 23	Donna Carr & Judy Estes
November 30	Betty Denton & Joseta Barker
December 7	Judy & Billy Woods

**ACOLYTES**

November 16	Rachel Rollins & Bailey Williams
November 23	Blake Estes & Daniel Hodges
November 30	Gracey Estes & Gracie Williams
December 7	Annie Bartholomew & Tyson Bartholomew

**SUNDAY WORSHIP LAY READERS**

November 16	St. Luke 12:13-21	Harold Griggs
November 23	II Timothy 6:3-16	Trudy Phillips
November 30	TBA	Sammy Dickey
December 7	TBA	Judie Reasons

**CHILDREN'S SERMONS**

November 16	Andrea Joyner
November 23	Barbara Griggs
November 30	Jeff Carr
December 7	Peggy Davis

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

3-Jill Mischke, 3-Henry Phillips. 9-Nathan Baker. 13-Trudy Phillips.  
19-Rachel Lambert; 20-Louise Potts. 24-Joyce Sanders.  
29-Rachel Rollins

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**NEW KITCHEN TOOL SETS**

We have new knife sets of stainless steel by RADA that will make wonderful wedding presents. Come to the church office to see the new items available through this fund-raising project of our UMW.

**CALENDAR**

Friday through Sunday, November 14-16

Our youth and Jacob Ross to attend Lakeshore UMYF Retreat

Sunday, November 16: COMMITMENT SUNDAY #1

9:30 a.m. - Coffee and Conversation-in the-fellowship hall

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School

10:50 a.m. - Worship Service

No UMYF meeting. Youth are at Lakeshore

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 p.m. - Wonderific Wednesday

Meal by the Fishermen Class

6:00 p.m. - Activities for all ages.

Adult Study Assignment: The next 2 miracles.

7:00 p.m. - Choir Practice

Sunday, November 23--COMMITMENT SUNDAY#2

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 p.m. - Community Thanksgiving Service at our church

Wednesday, November 26

No Wonderific Wednesday

No Choir Practice

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day: The church office will be closed Nov27-28.

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**ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER 9, 2008**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 101 **MORNING WORSHIP:** 128

**VISITORS IN WORSHIP NOVEMBER 9:** Wanda Fant, Wanda Doroch Virginia Lowe, Carol Dixon Perry, Mike Roberts

**TREASURER'S REPORT THROUGH 10-31-08**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS IN OCTOBER**      \$16,183

**TOTAL PAID EXPENSES IN OCTOBER**      \$15,664

**UNPAID CONFERENCE APPORTIONMENTS**      \$23,313

**TO IMPROVEMENTS DEBT NOV 2--NOV 9:**      \$50

**TO DATE FOR SANCTUARY DEBT:**      \$14,460

**TO DATE FOR YOUTH MINISTRIES:**      \$3,558

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**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**

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**IN HONOR OF BARBARA PARKER**

Fishermen Sunday School Class

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***INVITATION***

*You are invited to a baby shower for  
Cicily Buchanan and expected baby boy  
Saturday, November 22  
from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in our fellowship hall.*

*Hostesses are:*

*the Young Christians (Clayburn Peoples') Class  
and our New Adult Sunday School Class.*

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**FOUND** in the church van: A necklace of shiny dark-gray metal beads and a modern dark-gray metal crucifix. Reclaim this on the table outside the church office.

**FOUND** after the bazaar: A ladies wristwatch with heavy metal band of "silver" and "gold." Claim it on the secretary's desk.