

Reflections

A bi-monthly newsletter published
in-house — keeping our family in-touch



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Praying and Staying Away From the Trap

The words from “*Jesus Calling*,” a daily devotional by Sarah Young that a dear friend gave me, stung deep.

“Be on guard against the pit of self-pity. When you are weary or unwell, this demonic trap is the greatest danger you face. Don’t even go near the edge of the pit. Its edges crumble easily, and before you know it, you are on the way down. It is ever so much harder to get out of the pit than to keep a safe distance from it. That is why I tell you to be on guard.”

At times, when my soul has been troubled, I have felt myself sort of drifting toward what I call the “pity pool,” also known as the danger zone. Unfortunately, the “pool” has only murky water, and the temperature is most uncomfortable. (I have been swimming in it before, so I have first-hand experience.) I am learning to “stay away from the edge.”

So, how do we stay out of “the pity pool” when stuff happens?

We can spend more time with God. We can spend time in our incredible Prayer Room. We can read His Word. We can pause and breathe deeply. We can go for a walk. We can seek out conversations with caring friends. We can laugh and thank God that we can.

I have recently recommitted an hour a week to the Prayer Room. If you watch and listen to **Nettie Cribb**, our **Prayer Room Coordinator**, there is almost no way you can not be inspired to go and sit and spend an hour with God. She is on a quest to fully staff our Prayer Room. It’s going to be great.

The room is waiting for you, complete with the prayer cards received each week from our worship services and a guide to help you get started. I promise you will be humbled by the experience. I also promise that spending an hour praying for our church and the needs of others will bless you in a way that nothing else can.

You may have heard about the challenge Nettie has issued to the Sunday School classes, asking that each class commit an hour a week to pray in our Prayer Room. I urge you to consider taking part in this challenge that will bless not only you, but bless our entire church as we seek God first and make prayer a priority in this new year.

Denise



**Please join us
Saturday, March 20
for a Day On Campus
at the United Methodist Children's Home!**

The program will feature trolley tours, children singing, campus tours, and lunch under the tent.

The gates open at 8 am to tour the campus. At 10:30 am there will be a program in the gymnasium followed by lunch at noon.

For more information, please contact the Children's Home at (386) 668-5088 or

email Kristen Packard at dkpackard@comcast.net.

Please RSVP by March 5.

— Congratulations to our church family —

Congratulations to Shawn and Michelle White on the birth of their son Matthew Anderson White on February 15, 2010. Proud brother is Jeremy and sisters, Adara and Leilani. Proud grandmother is Carol White and great-grandfather, Charles Turner.

— Thank You To Our Church Family —

Thank you so much to the faithful participants in the *2009 Salvation Army Red Kettle Bell Ringing Campaign*. Your time and love raised \$1,930.88 towards this wonderful ministry. May God continue to bless all of you. *Carol White*

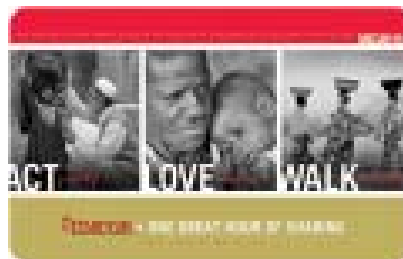
Jim Blythe, Sydna Breazeale, Margie Brott, Terry Collins, Bob and Nettie Cribb, Wendy Cunningham, Michele Ewaskey, Linda Fralick, Steve Hart, Ralph Hiden, Marianne House, Dena Howard, Jim and Karen McCrea, Jim McKoy, Cyndi Morphew, Karen Phillips, Brian Smith, Susan Walsh, and Barry Wheeler.



We are collecting Boost for a church member in need. **High Protein Chocolate only, please!** Please bring the Boost to the church office. Thank you for being part of this meaningful ministry of giving and for serving Him by serving others!

**One Great Hour of Sharing
(March 14, 2010)**

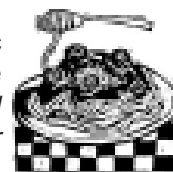
When the first tremors of the earthquake in Haiti rocked that island nation, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) staff were already in the country, strategizing how United Methodists could help improve the lives of the people there. Their work is a direct result of the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, which supports the operating expenses of those who bring healing and help in our name. It makes it possible, when we respond to an emergency like Haiti, to know that 100% of our gift goes directly to where the suffering is happening. In two weeks, March 14, we will have the opportunity to join with the faithful across the church to support the **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Please pray about how you can help.



**Join us on Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010
for a Spaghetti Lunch!**



Menu: Spaghetti with meat (or non-meat) sauce, salad, garlic toast, tea, lemonade, and coffee. Lunch will be served in the CAC Gym. There will be no charge for lunch, but donations will gladly be accepted. The money raised will help support our teams on their mission trips to Africa in April and to Romania in July.



**The United Methodist Women are making
“welcome bags” for domestic abuse victims
at the Hubbard House.**

We'd greatly appreciate the following donations:

- Cotton fabric (1/2 yd or larger)
- Toothbrushes (individually wrapped)
- Toothpaste (small)
- Hotel-type toiletries (small: shampoo, conditioner, soap, etc.)
- Monetary donations (checks made out to UMW - Welcome Bags, so we can earmark it for this project)



1510 worship service

Intimate setting.
Simple structure.
Weekly Communion.
Teaching. Music.

8:30 am in Room 201
of the Education Building.
Come as you are.

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Join us this Sunday.

Join the Cloggers on Wednesdays!

For more information,
call Donna Robbins
(instructor)
at 737-8514.

Feasting In The Word

Study of Judges

Join us in the church library every Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 pm.

All are welcome.

For more information, call Carol Hudson at 829-2944.

Wednesdays of

at 6:15 pm



Life's Healing Choices

Women's Group with Carol White *in the CAC Dining Room*

Men's Group with Steve Hart and Bill Shuck *in CAC 202*

Strength for the Broken Places

with Melanie Evans *in the Library (EB 102)*

Be Still and Know . . . A time of prayer and reflection.

with Laura Jacqmein and Denise Foster *in the Sanctuary*

Classes run Wednesdays through March 24.

Celebrate Recovery

Monday nights in the Fellowship Hall.

Dinner (6 pm) • Program (7-9 pm)

Child care: 4 yrs. to 6th grade.

Questions? Call . . . Mark or Suzanne Biery: 730-3057

Mark or Jeanne Clayburg: 262-8267

Come hear awesome teachings and testimonies!

Bishop Marcus Matthews will be preaching in both worship services on **Sunday, March 21** and speaking to the combined adult SS classes as well as the Young at Hearts. Bishop Matthews has been the UM bishop of the New York West Area since 2008 and previously bishop of the Philadelphia Area. He is a member of the Africa University Advisory Development Committee.

Bishop Matthews will be speaking about the work of the Africa University which is in Zimbabwe but has nearly 2000 students from 28 African countries. The university *"is graduating men and women who are becoming key leaders throughout Africa."* Another bishop on the advisory committee has written, *"The United Methodist Church is committed to Africa, and Africa University is a key focus of our ministry. As it prepares a new generation of leaders, it needs the support of United Methodists in the United States. The best way for many to help is to look at the long term, both for their lives, and for the continuation of the university."* The university has been in operation since 1992 and offers bachelors and masters degrees in 6 areas - agriculture/natural resources, education, humanities/social sciences, health sciences, management/administration and theology.



March 2010

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Daily/Weekly Happenings

<p>8:30 & 11:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary</p> <p>8:30 am 1510 Worship EB 201</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>1:00 pm Sudanese Worship in the Chapel</p> <p>5:00 pm Youth Choir</p> <p>6:00 pm UMYF</p>	<p>12:15 pm Homeschool - EB 102</p> <p>9:00 am Mother's Morning Out</p> <p>5:30 pm Walk & Talk - Gym</p> <p>6:00 pm Celebrate Recovery Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8:30 am Homeschool - EB 102</p> <p>9:00 am Walk & Talk - Gym</p> <p>9:00 am Handbells - EB 106</p> <p>6:30 pm Hosanna!</p> <p>7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous - CAC 202</p>	<p>12:15 pm Homeschool - EB 102</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study - EB 203</p> <p>4:00 - 5:30 pm "Feasting In the Word" (See below)</p> <p>5:15 pm Dinner Served!</p> <p>6:00 pm Children's Choirs & Programs</p> <p>6:30 pm Adult Programs</p> <p>7:30 pm Chancel Choir</p> <p>7 & 7:45 pm Clogging (see ad)</p>	<p>8:30 am Homeschool - EB 102</p> <p>9:00 am Walk & Talk - Gym</p> <p>9:30 am Handbells - EB 106</p> <p>5:30 pm Walk & Talk - Gym</p> <p>7:00 pm Testify!</p> <p>7:30 pm AA (Men Only) - EB 102</p>
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Additional meetings, events throughout the week

<p>7 9:45 am Membership class in Pastor Sherman's office</p>	<p>8 9:30 am UMW Board Meeting</p> <p>4:30 pm Worship Planning Committee</p>	<p>9 10:45 am - 3 pm Young At Hearts Lunch at Mimi's Cafe at St. John's Town Center.</p> <p>6 pm Trustees Meeting</p> <p>7 pm E-Team Meeting</p>	<p>10 Tonight's Menu! (See times above)</p> <p>Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed vegetables, garlic breadsticks, salad, and desserts</p> <p>Servers: Belote Class</p> <p>Ticket Sellers: Barry & Katherine Bruno</p> <p>6:15 pm Adult Programs</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 5:00 pm Emmaus Gathering</p>
<p>14 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p> <p>9:45 am Membership class in Pastor Sherman's office</p> <p>3:30 pm Young At Hearts go to Elmcraft Assisted Living</p>	<p>15 4:30 pm Worship Planning Committee</p> <p>6:00 pm Finance Committee</p>	<p>16 10:00 am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>17 Tonight's Menu! (See times above)</p> <p>Menu: BBQ sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans, tater tots, salad, and desserts</p> <p>Servers: New Beginnings Class</p> <p>Ticket Sellers: Barry & Sharon Wheeler</p> <p>6:15 pm Adult Programs</p>	<p>18 7:00 pm Ruth-Naomi Circle Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 6:00 pm Youth Silent Auction and Dinner</p>

Spring Cleaning Challenge

Help us prepare our "church home" for visitors. We all get busy and might not notice the bit of dust here or clutter there. **We need your help!** If you see anything that needs sprucing up, please fill out the orange form, located by the staff mailboxes in the office and place it in Bill Shuck's box.



MARCH 2010

Birthdays

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| 1 Shawn Brown
Melanie Dunkle | 13 David Prizzia | 20 Judy Mettke |
| 3 Ashley Daniels
Nancy German | 14 Bill Ralphs | 20 Lauren Mettke |
| 4 Dolores Boyce
Billy Walker | 15 Martha Gifford
David Leavitt | 21 Brandon Foster |
| 5 Gail McKnight | 16 Melody Bachman
Amanda Figart | 24 Ashley Sukovich
Jackie Walker |
| 6 Dee Boutwell | Bill Pope | 25 Kevin Frus
Mike Taylor |
| 7 Sherry Banks
Jodi Pope | Clara Trednick | 27 Jimmy Johnson
Hilton Lay |
| 8 Kalee Luce
Susan Walsh | 17 Nancy Burling | 28 Ricky Hartless
Jeff Johnson |
| 10 Susan Currie
Rick Johnson | 18 Charlie Dudley
Jerry Harty | Daniel Overby
Jeannette Payne |
| 11 Sylvia Blythe | 19 Andy Jackson
Sam Magee | 29 Jennifer Norton |
| 12 Donna Brooks | Jean Oatman | 30 Gene Johnson |
| | 20 Sarah Buckman | 31 Paul Mettke |

Anniversaries

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| 1 Mr. and Mrs. Rich Klahr (Mary) | 15 Mr. and Mrs. Clay Breazeale (Jill) |
| 7 Mr. and Mrs. Don Packard (Kristen) | 21 Mr. and Mrs. Uwe May (Debbie) |
| 12 Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carter (Laurie) | 25 Mr. and Mrs. Eduardo Chumpen (Mila) |



LAKWOOD
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We are thinking of you - especially today!

The birthday and anniversary list is provided by Lakewood United Methodist Church for its members. If your name isn't listed or if we have the wrong date, please call Margaret Love, Church Secretary at 733-8477. Thank you.



2010 CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

If you are *better than 50* and looking to have fun with others just like you — then join us . . .

- Tuesday, March 9 Lunch at Mimi's Cafe at St. John's Town Center. Leave the church at 10:45 am. If it is a pretty day we'll walk around the Town Center afterwards. We'll return to the church by 3 pm.
- Sunday, March 14 Meet us at Elmcroft Assisted Living at 3:30 pm
- Sunday, March 21 YAH Lunch following the 11 am service in the CAC Dining Room. The speaker will be Bishop Maracus Matthews, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Africa University.
- Sunday, April 11 Meet us at Elmcroft Assisted Living at 3:30 pm
- Tuesday, April 13 Lunch at the Columbia Restaurant, St. Augustine. Leave the church at 10:00 am. We'll walk around the historic district and get our ice cream afterwards. We'll return to church by 3:30 pm.
- Sunday, April 18 YAH Lunch following the 11 am service in the CAC Dining Room. The speaker will be someone from "Athletes to Champions." They are responsible for building a football field in Barrow, Alaska to counteract growing Youth crime. Bradley Hill, who was to speak to us in January, was in a serious automobile accident which affected his memory. He was not at our meeting that day. Consequently, we had our own program

Note: All pecans have been sold except for a few bags in the office. A big thank you for everyone who bought bags and bags of them. See you next fall!

Call Dolores at 636-6476, 610-8443 or e-mail doloresboyce@bellsouth.net with any questions.

Serving Sunday Mornings during the month of March

Ushers 8:30 am Jim McCrea, Captain; Bob Bachman, Ted Beam, Jim Black, Bob Cribb, Wayne Foster
 11:00 am Bob Highsmith, Captain; Glenn Green, Cyndi Morphew, Paul Mettke, Scott Thomas

Greeters 8:30 am Sheila Black & Karen McCrea
 11:00 am Angela Mullaney & Ree Unterspan

Sound & Media Technicians Mark Bramlett, Bob Bryner, and Don Zeiser

Parking Attendants Bob Ewing, Larry Figart, and Steve Hyers

Serving in Worship March 7, 2010

Welcome Desk 8:15 Laurie Carter 9:30 am Jane Strange

Worship Welcomers
 8:30 am Denise Foster 11:00 am Mark and Suzanne Biery

Nursery 8:30 am Laura Brodehl 11:00 am Sam Coleman

Children's Church 8:30 am Cindy Vermut and Colleen Hart
 11:00 am Paul and Celita Locke

Serving in Worship March 14, 2010

Welcome Desk 8:15 Judy Hiden 9:30 am Carol White

Worship Welcomers
 8:30 am Melody Bachman 11:00 am Mark and Jeanne Clayburg

Nursery 8:30 am Tracey Kuhn 11:00 am Karen Miller

Children's Message Nancy Anderson

Children's Church 8:30 am Bethany Coleman and Monica Clinton
 11:00 am David and Michele Johnston

Sign up to have your picture taken for the church directory!

Sunday, March 9 is the last day to sign up!

After March 9, to schedule or re-schedule your appointment, call 1-800-866-2263



Photography Dates:
 Friday and Saturday, March 26 & 27
 Friday and Saturday, April 9 & 10
 and Wednesday, April 28

If you are not a member, but an active part of our church family, you are invited to be part of our directory.

Everyone who has their picture taken will receive a FREE 8 x 10 signature portrait and a FREE church directory. You will also have an opportunity to buy additional portraits.

<p>Trust In The Lord . . .</p> <p>The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to fear the Lord your God. <i>Deuteronomy 14:23, NLT</i></p> <p>Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. <i>Proverbs 3:9, NIV</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">. . . and this means to always put Him first in your lives!</p>	<p><i>February 28, 2010</i></p> <p>Stewardship</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Week 9 of 2010</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Year to date</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$21,003</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$161,297</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Week 9 of 2009</td> <td>Year to date</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$18,455</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$184,147</td> </tr> </table> <p>Share The Experience</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Feb 28, 2010</td> <td style="width: 50%;">Year to date</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">\$1,385</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$8,762</td> </tr> </table>	Week 9 of 2010	Year to date	\$21,003	\$161,297	Week 9 of 2009	Year to date	\$18,455	\$184,147	Feb 28, 2010	Year to date	\$1,385	\$8,762
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The next Reflections will be dated March 21. The deadline for receiving information for that printing will be Wednesday, March 10. If you would like to submit an article for the newsletter, please send it by e-mail to Stacey Permenter at Reflections.LUMC@gmail.com, or place them in her box in the church office.

All articles may be edited as necessary. If you would like to receive *Reflections* by email, please send your email address to Denise Foster at lakedenise@bellsouth.net.

Praises, Prayers & Concerns

From our Church Family this week ending February 28th;

Long Term Care: Ann Belote – Cypress Village Health Center, room 755

Andy Jackson – Atria San Pablo Assisted Living, room 126

Margaret Johnson – Southlake Rehab Center, room B-28

Dawn Sawyer (Cornelia Dawn Sawyer) Consulate Rehab
(formerly Tandem on South point)

Mary Alice Odom - Summerville

Our Prayers lifted up in Worship Sunday, February 28th:

Travel safety for Jessica as she flies to London on Thursday. Blessings for her graduate studies there.

Thanksgiving for God's work in her life and her willingness to listen and follow.

For God's direction in making a decision to move my sister Irene to a nursing home.

Praise- prayers for our son's knee surgery and wisdom of how much therapy he can do. Also pray for our new house guests living with us. (4 months)

Please keep my son, Carl in your prayers. He is back in the hospital again.

Please pray for all our Lakewood families who have lost their jobs and are seeking employment.

Please pray for the Turpin family as we mourn the loss of our dear friend and family member Honey Kitty.

Praise for my brother, Larry, successful surgery and continue prayers for his recovery.

Continued prayers for Tom Pardue. Tom just completed the second of eight treatments for his leukemia.

Please pray for the Slider family. My Dad's sister, Carolyn, passed away Friday night. My cousins are bringing her back to Jacksonville for burial Pray for Tony as he spends two weeks in dogfight training (jets).

Please help Patsy Hasty to get better and let her tumor go away.

Please help Patsy Hasty recover quickly from internal bleeding, pneumonia and pleurisy. Also, please pray for Dale Davis and her physical pain to be lessened.

**AS OF THIS PRINTING
WE HAVE A FEW
TICKETS LEFT!**

Tickets for Auction - \$15

Tickets for Child Care - \$1

**Youth Silent Auction & Dinner
March 20, 2010 • 6 pm**

**AN EVENING OF
CARIBBEAN FUN!**

