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There is a time
 for everything,
 and a season for every
 activity under heaven...
 Ecclesiastes 3:1

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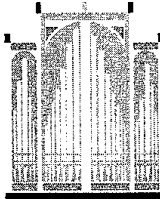
THE COLUMNS

First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY

Wednesday, February 24, 2010

ORGAN MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Since the last newsletter the cost has changed on the organ maintenance, and...it's lower!! When Miller Pipe Organ Co. began work, they discovered that the pneumatic motors did not need re-covering and they should last another 15-20 years. So, the cost was reduced from \$18,520 to \$13,000-\$14,000.



I'M VALUABLE

To date, we have received \$3,775 for the organ maintenance fund. →The work should be complete this week, therefore, the invoice will need to be paid with a couple of weeks. Any gifts we receive before the due date will reduce the amount we will need to draw from our line of credit at the bank. Please make your check payable to FUMC, designating "organ fund" in the memo line.

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High! Psalm 92:1

Excerpt from: "Take Time to Pray"
How to Pray for your Children

By Quin Sherrer

Dedicating our children means we will not only depend on the Lord to help us raise them, but that we will accept those children just as God made them.



Godly goals to pray for your children...

- 1) That Jesus be formed in them (Galatians 4:19)
- 2) That they be delivered from evil (Matthew 6:13)
- 3) That they be taught by the Lord and their peace would be great (Isaiah 54:13)
- 4) That they be able to discern good from evil and have a good conscience (Hebrews 5:14, 1 Peter 3:21)
- 5) That God's laws will be in their minds and hearts (Hebrews 8:10)
- 6) That they choose companions wisely (1 Corinthians 5:11)
- 7) That they remain sexually pure until marriage asking God's grace that they can keep this commitment (Ephesians 5:3, 31-33)
- 8) That they honor their parents (Ephesians 6:1-3)

Please return the
 Hope Center's Baby Bottles, as soon as possible,
 filled or unfilled.
 The Center has to purchase the bottles
 at a cost of over \$1 each.



Calling All Kids!

How about a party?...a *swimming and pizza party!* On Friday, March 5th we will meet at the YMCA and enjoy just that...swimming and pizza. Adults are encouraged to join in the fun!! Please make your reservations **no later than next Monday, March 1** by calling Leslie Wessel at 247-0852 or email at thewessels@bellsouth.net. The cost is only \$3.00 per person.

OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST & THE CHURCH

	Feb. 10	Feb. 14	Feb. 21
Attendance: Sunday School—	111	101	96
Morning Worship—	200	188	182
Sunday School Offering.....\$	55.40	56.60	54.00
Sunday Offering/Pledges.....\$	7,765.00	5,490.00	5,345.50
Needline/Food Pantry.....\$	20.00		20.00
Lighthouse.....\$			10.00
Haiti Relief Effort.....\$	301.53		
Hope Center.....\$		30.00	40.00
Building Fund.....\$	246.00	141.00	50.00
Memorials.....\$	180.00	45.00	180.00
Missions.....\$		378.00	
Organ Fund.....\$	800.00	2,220.00	
Maintenance.....\$	255.00		

A NEW BABY

Congratulations to Chris & Jessica Covington on the birth of their first child, *Caitlyn Grace Covington*, on Thursday, February 4, 2010 in Louisville. Arriving 6 weeks early, she weighed in at 4 lbs. 4 oz. and was 17 1/2 inches long and was able to go into the regular nursery and then home with her parents. Caitlyn's proud grandparents are Olin & Carol Covington. Frances Wilson is her very excited great grandmother!





The following memorial/honorarium gifts have been received by our church through February 22, 2010.

In Memory of Ada Wright

Given by: Nancy Smith

In Memory of Alenda Wolfe

Given by: Wesley S.S. Class
 Lucy Crouch
 Sue Perkins
 Frances Garland
 Sue Greer
 Louise Saxon

In Memory of Richard Ray

Given by: Carol Ray

In Memory of Russell Tarr

Given by: Bobby & Carolyn Canter
 Frances Sumner
 Sue Perkins
 Louise Saxon
 Nancy Smith
 Joe & Liz Hansen
 Betty Mason
 Henry & Ruby Bennett (organ)
 Lucy Crouch
 Joanne Givens Tucker

In Honor of Surviving and

In Memory of Deceased Radio S.S. Class Members

Given by: Gerald & Joyce McClain (organ)

In Memory of Ruth Hartsfield

Given by: Henry & Ruby Bennett (organ)



Dear Church Family,

We are so grateful for the many acts of love you've shown us through your cards, prayers, visits, and flowers during our time of loss. A special thanks to the United Methodist Women for the delicious meal following the memorial service.

Sincerely, the Russell Tarr family

Dear FUMC,

Thank you for your recent donation of pew Bibles & Hymnals. What a comfort to know that your church family has shown such concern through prayers and support to us.

Baltimore Baptist Church

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy

...to Jeff Wolfe and family upon the death of his wife, **Alenda Wolfe**, on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Services were held on Wednesday, February 10th in Mayfield.



BASIC LAY SPEAKING CLASS



The Basic Lay Speaking Class will be offered in the Paducah District on Monday evenings April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, at 6:00 p.m. at Fountain Ave. United Methodist Church, 300 Fountain Ave., Paducah. The cost of the class is \$10.00. Andrew Halford will be teaching the class which will be limited to 12 participants. To register call the District Office at (270) 442-0077 or email your name, address and phone number to their email address padumc@comcast.net.



If someone should be added or removed from the prayer list below, please contact the church office.

Remember these persons in prayer:

In the Hospital

Carl Jones, JPMC #233

Ongoing Concern

Nancy Greer, 618 Hillside Dr.
 Reid Hearn, 406 E. College St.
 Sue Perkins, 815 Macedonia Rd.
 Joe Roper, 1212 Sunnyside Dr.
 Garvelene Wolfe, 208 N. 17th St.

Homebound Members

(Please call the church office if you need a specific address for any homebound member.)

Charlotte Boyd	Carolyn McClendon
Rebecca Canter	Georgia Morehead
Joyce Champion	Homer Pace
Ruth Dillard	Margie Pearson
Carolyn Gibson	Clara Power
Hal Gibson	Georgie Pryor
Jean Hamlin	Doris Sims
Euvah Howland	Cameron Stimson
Jean Kennedy	Frances Williams
Margaret Kirkwood	Anna Wright

Friends and Relatives

James Baer	Buddy English
Peggy Daughaday	Dwight Mills
Doug Flanary	Riley Grace Mulligan
Bruce & Ann Henderson	David Morrill
Don Hise	Frank Olsofka

EXCITEMENT BUILDING FOR MISSIONS TEAM

The Missions team has met twice already this year! We are discussing developing (and working together with our other groups) our mission projects on four levels. We want to do local (Lighthouse ministries, Hope Center, Needline, and others), Regional (such as Wesley Foundation at MSU, Redbird Mission, Mountain Mission, etc.), National (visit and support UMCOR - Sager Brown, and national relief efforts in the U.S.) and international (support missionaries such as the Aaron Black family, mission trips and responding to international relief efforts). We have already had an international missions activity in our Jamaican Valentine dinner and hearing from our two groups that recently went to Jamaica and seeing their wonderful pictures. The food was delicious and the evening delightful! We are so proud of Kellie Wilber and her team, Gary Jetton and Joe Hansen and their group for "getting out of the boat" to reach out to those in need and showing God's (and our churches) love for them. Kellie and Gary (and Pastor Joe too) are available and willing to speak to any groups about their trips. Kellie also has a wonderful video of their adventures. Our group is excited about the opportunity to serve and share God's love and invite you to come and join us in our mission field! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome your ideas and suggestions if you would like to join in the fun.



March

If you have a March birthday or anniversary and it's not listed or the date is incorrect, please call the church office (247-5678) with the correct information. Thanks for your help.



Happy Birthday to:

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| 3 - Sally Carter | 18 - Jean Kennedy |
| 5 - Jonathan Bennett | - Michael Tucker |
| - Debbie Ivy | 20 - Scott Wilferd |
| - Kaitlyn Samples | 22 - Abbie Jones |
| 6 - Katie Graves | - Kevin King |
| 7 - Bob Isbell | 27 - Deborah Crooks |
| 8 - Valerie Jones | - Bobbi Grantham |
| - Dennis Williamson | 28 - Deborah Cates |
| 9 - Nikki Almand Boehm | - Libby Reed |
| 10 - Georgie Mae Pryor | 29 - Sydney Brooke Custer |
| 12 - Carter Reed | - Melissa Towe Downing |
| 13 - Brenda Cobb | - Steve Jones |
| - Madison Wilferd | 30 - Ruby Bennett |
| 14 - Lindsay Chapman | - Amanda Edwards |
| - Shannon Jones | - Jessica Simpson |
| 15 - Ray Schorr | 31 - Emily Byars |
| 16 - Alice Byars | - Anna Flood |
| 17 - Alexander G. Beck | - Bridge Horn |
| - Paige Purdom | |

March Anniversaries

- Bob and Joyce Cornman.....March 1, 1952
 Davie and Judy Stephens.....March 1, 2008
 Kent and Peggy Isbell.....March 9, 1977
 Richard and Mariowen Reed.....March 20, 1965
 Bob and Shannon McNutt.....March 21, 1981
 Jack and Dorothy Williamson.....March 28, 1937
 Henry and Ruby Bennett.....March 31, 1956
 Jim and Shann Moore.....March 31, 2001

Make a Date to Pray with Jesus in the Garden

That night in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus took Peter, James and John and asked them to stay awake with him, and pray. But they were like many of us; their spirits were willing but their flesh was weak! This year, on Maundy Thursday (April 4), we have the opportunity to watch and pray with Jesus.



The prayer Jesus offered in John 17 tells us what was on Jesus' mind and in his heart that night. To Pray with Jesus in the Garden, we are asked to sacrifice just an hour of time we might not typically be praying or in church for worship ... 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. A scripture and prayer guide will lead us through an hour of special prayer. Will you make the commitment now to stay awake with Jesus?

Participants will use the guide and pray in their homes, setting aside TV, computer or game time, or sleep, to keep vigil with Jesus in the garden of prayer. For more information, or to make your commitment to participate, email pstrjoe@ccol.net or call 247-5678 or 705-0554. This is something families, couples and individuals can do. It would be wonderful if most of our church family were joining together during that holy hour.

RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM

It's time to be thinking about the 2010 Relay for Life and it's not too late to join the Mayfield First United Methodist Church Team. Just ask any one of the following Team members how to join: Connie Boyd, Carolyn Green, Janie Ivy, Marian King, Loretta Logsdon, Sue Perkins, Nancy Smith, Pam Smith, Joyce Sprowles, Leslie Towe, and Khadra Turley. By joining or donating to our church's team, you will be part of a life-changing event that gives everyone in the community a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that takes too much. You can donate in honor or memory of loved ones and friends who have been touched by cancer. Please fill in the names below, enclose your donation and place it in the offering plate, give to a team member or drop it by the church office. Make checks payable to FUMC designating "Relay for Life" in the memo line or make it payable to the American Cancer Society.



RELAY FOR LIFE DONATIONS:

In Honor of _____

 In Memory of _____

 By _____

A Time to Freshen Up!

Our Hospitality/Local Outreach Team has three sub-teams. The team working on our preparation for and response to visitors has been hard at work launching a visitation/bread ministry and a greeters ministry, and thinking through our churches various responses to visitors, as well as a 'welcoming' strategy.

The Signage and Entryways group has been focusing on a de-cluttering project in church entryways, closets and rooms, as well as beautification and visitor-friendly improvements in the church entryways (including signage/building diagrams, etc.). In addition, patching and painting church office walls on the entry level and restructuring the use of space so that the administrative work of the church can be done with as much efficiency as possible are being done at this time.

These projects have involved many hours of hard work by several very faithful servants, and the commitment of church leadership to keep our church attractive, efficient, and more and more ready to welcome guests to God's beautiful house! Thank you!



The Outreach/Communications subgroup is meeting next Monday, March 1 at 5 PM in the Charles Baugh Classroom; their focus will be on events in the community (including help with Youth and Children's Outreach), our advertising presence and our internet and related opportunities to reach out to those outside our church family.

God bless all the faithful folks who are part of this big and important team! If you have questions or comments, please contact Nanette Easley at 247-7086 or George Covington (247-2486).

Thank you to all who helped to cook, plan or who came to enjoy the Jamaican Valentine's Dinner. A wonderful time was had by all! Thanks to Kellie Wilber, Bryce Meredith, Tyler Vessels, Joe Hansen and Gary Jetton for sharing their stories, pictures and testimonies about how God worked in the through them in Jamaica. And what a blessing to have the Blacks with us - Aaron, Melissa, Audrey and Braylon, and Melissa's brother, Nathan - to share with us the journey God is taking them on to Jamaica. We hope to share a Missions Valentine's Dinner with you again next year and celebrate God's love for all of His children!



I will sing a new song to you, O God. Psalm 144:9a

You know the top reason people join the choir? They are running out of clothes and the robes save on laundry! We have a robe waiting for you! Seriously, we will be delighted to welcome you to our time of fellowship and music as we prepare to praise our Lord in our worship services. We meet at 6:15 p.m. each Wednesday; childcare is available. We are working on songs to enhance our focus on Lent as we prepare for the glorious celebration of Easter. In addition to voices, we are in need of a trumpet player for Palm Sunday and Easter. If you can play or know of someone else, please call me, Carol Barnes, at 804-0210 or Tammy in the church office (247-5678).

NURTURE TEAM NEWS

Soup for the Soul

One of our projects is to make soup and bread to have for church members to give to our church family, friends, or neighbors that could benefit from this. (New babies, sickness, accidents, etc.) If you know someone who would benefit from this ministry, feel free to take a container of soup and a loaf of bread to those in need. There is Vegetable Beef Soup in quart containers and loaves of bread in the refrigerator-freezer in the church kitchen for members of our church family to give to those who are recovering from sickness or crisis and need a quick meal. If you need one, please take and sign the list indicating that you've taken it so we can replenish when needed.

Serving Communion

Do you know of someone who cannot come to church and would like to receive Communion on the first Sunday of each month? If so, please call Khadra Turley at 247-8807. Currently we have volunteers serving Communion at Heritage Manor and at two members' homes. We would like to extend this to other nursing homes and private homes. If you would be interested in serving our church family in this capacity, please contact a member of the Nurture Team or the church office.

Card Ministry

Staying in touch with our members is important to us! We are working to send cards to our members for birthdays, sickness, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. If you would like to be part of this caring ministry, please call Khadra Turley at 247-8807.



Time Marches On...

We are time-focused, time-fascinated, time-fearing people. Beyond the turnings of the earth (days), cycles of the moon and revolutions of the earth around the sun (years) - - the marchings on of time we mostly take for granted - - is the way that matters of time indicate the condition of our hearts. I think that's why we find Ecclesiastes 3 so beautiful; through that passage it is clear that God understands the various times and seasons of our lives.



Jesus' life, and particularly his obedient journey toward Jerusalem and the cross of Calvary, demonstrate the Old Testament truth. We started on Ash Wednesday and our worship times began marching on toward Holy Week and Easter. Each Sunday we are highlighting one or two of the wise truths found in Ecclesiastes by looking at the bravery, dedication, mission focus, saving love and transforming power of God in Jesus.

Read the passages for the week before coming to Sunday School and/or worship. It will be time well spent.

❖ February 28 - ***A Time to Embrace, and a Time to Refrain from Embracing***

(and a time to love, and time to hate)
Luke 13:31-35 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Psalm 27

❖ March 7 - ***A Time to Plant, and a Time to Pluck What has been Planted***

(and a time to kill, and a time to heal)
Luke 13:1-9 1 Corinthians 10 Isaiah 55:1-9 Psalm 63

❖ March 14 - ***A Time to Mourn, and a Time to Dance***

(and a time to search, and a time to give up searching)
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 2 Corinthians 5 Psalm 32

❖ March 21 - ***A Time to Keep, and a Time to Throw Away***

John 12:1-8 Philippians 3:4-14 Isaiah 43 Psalm 126

❖ Palm/Passion Sunday - ***A Time to Be Born, and a Time to Die***

Luke 23:1-49 Philippians 2 Isaiah 50:4-9 Psalm 31:9-16

❖ Holy Week - ***A Time to Keep Silent, and a Time to Speak***

John 18:1-19:42 Psalm 22 Isaiah 52:13-53:12

❖ Easter Sunday - ***A Time for War, and a Time for Peace***

John 20:1-18

Psalm 31:15 is an acknowledgement to God: "My times are in your hands." God's promise is to keep us in all of our times. The challenge is to allow God to be our guide and friend throughout the pendulum swings of our lives.

It's all a matter of time!

Joe



RADIO BROADCAST NEEDS TEACHER

The Radio Bible Sunday School class has been broadcast for over 50 years beginning on another local radio station and is now on WYMC radio station (1430 AM and 93.9 FM) each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. We are in need of some teachers and usually take a month at a time to have continuity of the lessons. Please call Joyce McClain at 328-8686 if you are willing to pre-record some lessons for the air.

