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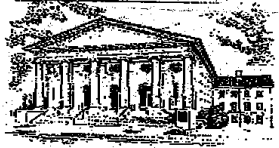


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THE COLUMNS

First United Methodist Church, Mayfield, KY
 Wednesday, March 24, 2010

FOR THE KIDS

During Children's Church on Easter Sunday, April 4, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt. All kids need to bring their favorite basket! We will also be doing a special craft.



This year's *Vacation Bible School* is scheduled for June 21-25. Kelly Green and Leslie Wessel will be the co-directors. We need help with planning and also with volunteering the week of VBS. → If you are willing to help in any way, please contact Leslie via email at thewessels@bellsouth.net or telephone 247-0852 or 804-1275. The first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 31st at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Hey couples - ever ask these questions?

- ...Why don't we ever have enough money?
- ...What am I doing that makes him so unhappy?
- ...Why doesn't she appreciate me like the people at my office do?
- ...Why do I feel like I'm walking on eggshells all the time?
- ...Is this how God intended our marriage to be?

For six weeks, beginning April 23, we will look at these questions and more during a couples Bible Study by Chip Ingram titled *"Marriage: Built to Last"*. The study will be held each Friday night at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. "Chip Ingram provides Biblical and practical teaching to give you tools to live intentionally and love Biblically." The study has a video interviewing 24 couples sharing real-life stories about their questions and struggles to build a marriage that will last a lifetime.



Childcare will be provided. If you are interested in participating in this study, please contact **Jeremy or Laura Phillips** (email lauraphillips75@hotmail.com or telephone 251-3683) by April 11th so adequate materials can be ordered.

Tyler Rakestraw Scholarship

Since the death of Tyler Rakestraw in June 2006, the United Methodist Women's Circle of Grace has sponsored a scholarship in Tyler's memory to help area students further their education. Scholarships will be awarded soon as the school year is about to end. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be made at the First KY Bank or through the church by making check payable to FUMC, designating "Rakestraw scholarship".

OUR LOYALTY TO CHRIST & THE CHURCH

| | Feb. 28 | Mar. 7 | Mar. 14 | Mar. 21 |
|--------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Attendance: Sunday School— | 110 | 99 | 91 | 102 |
| Morning Worship— | 192 | 181 | 172 | 182 |
| Sunday School Offering.....\$ | 50.00 | 63.59 | 58.35 | 59.20 |
| Sunday Offering/Pledges.....\$ | 7,917.10 | 6,207.00 | 6,282.00 | 8,053.00 |
| Needline/Food Pantry.....\$ | 50.00 | | 70.00 | 25.00 |
| Lighthouse.....\$ | 50.00 | | | 500.00 |
| Men's Shelter.....\$ | | 50.00 | | |
| Hope Center.....\$ | 20.00 | 49.00 | | 50.00 |
| Building Fund.....\$ | 76.00 | 105.00 | 281.00 | 50.00 |
| Memorials.....\$ | 355.00 | 485.00 | 210.00 | |
| Missions.....\$ | | | 60.00 | |
| Organ Fund.....\$ | 545.00 | 75.00 | 210.00 | 600.00 |
| Maintenance.....\$ | 25.00 | 230.00 | | |

Children should meet in front entryway at 10:20 a.m. this Sunday for the Palm Procession.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Morning Bible Study group will conclude on April 8th and will resume on September 9th. During the summer months, we will meet for lunch at Noon on the last Thursday of every month at the Pie Wagon, 1011 Paris Rd., Mayfield. Everyone is invited for fellowship!



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

In Memory of Virginia King

Given by: Bob & Marian King (organ)

In Memory of Charlotte Boyd

Given by: Lucy Crouch Mary B. Wright (organ)
Henry & Ruby Bennett Joe & Liz Hansen
Wesley & Nancy Greer John & Billie Harmon
Robert & Janie Ivy Joe David & Vicki Smith
Wesley S.S. Class Annette & Albert Marks
Bill & Mary Vick Bryan Joe & Dean Roper (organ)
Louise Saxon (organ) Mike & Khadra Turley
Tommy, LaVerne, & Clarke Waldrop (organ). Elouise Hicks

In Honor of Kenneth Crooks

Given by: Joe David & Vicki Smith (organ)

In Memory of Russell Tarr

Given by: Linda & John Asbell Robert & Janie Ivy

In Honor of Joe & Liz Hansen

Given by: Zelma White (organ)

In Memory of Linda Lowry

Given by: Elouise Hicks Gerald & Joyce McClain

In Memory of Alenda Wolfe

Given by: Elouise Hicks Kent Hunt
Robert & Janie Ivy Joe David & Vicki Smith
Joe & Dean Roper (organ)

In Memory of Euvah Howland

Given by: Wesley & Nancy Greer Nancy Smith (organ)
Mike & Khadra Turley Wesley S.S. Class
Betty Saxon Jean Ann Seavers
Mary Ann Ellison (organ) Peggy Brady

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Baugh

Given by: Bob & Jenny Sims (organ)

In Memory of Dorothy Spahr

Given by: Kent Hunt Nancy Smith (organ)
Wesley S.S. Class

In Honor of Choir, Organist, & Pianist

Given by: Joe & Dean Roper (organ)

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. John Edd Walker

Given by: Sharon W. Howard (organ)

In Memory of Charles Wyatt

Given by: Anna Wyatt McLaughlin (organ)

In Memory of Tommy Hartsfield

Given by: Anna Flood (organ)

In Memory of Imogene Huie

Given by: Anna Flood (organ)

In Memory of Jackie Snow

Given by: Anna Flood (organ)

Thank You!

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, prayers, and food I've received since my accident. I really appreciate it and am truly blessed to be part of this church family.

Sincerely, Sue Perkins

ORGAN MAINTENANCE UPDATE

\$5,661.47 needed by March 31



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

A.G. Wolfe, Jackson Purchase Medical Center

Ongoing Concern

Ruby Bennett, 1120 Links Ln.
Marsha Clift, 1501 Bellemeade Dr.
Nancy Greer, 618 Hillside Dr.
Reid Hearn, 406 E. College St.
Bruce & Ann Henderson, 336 Golf Cart Dr.
Harry Kafton, 615 Central Ave.
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.)

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| Rebecca Canter | Carolyn McClendon |
| Joyce Champion | Georgia Morehead |
| Ruth Dillard | Homer Pace |
| Carolyn Gibson | Clara Power |
| Hal Gibson | Georgie Pryor |
| Jean Hamlin | Doris Sims |
| Carl Jones | Cameron Stimson |
| Jean Kennedy | Frances Williams |
| Margaret Kirkwood | Anna Wright |

Friends and Relatives

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| James Baer | Mya Kendrick |
| Peggy Daughaday | Dwight Mills |
| Buddy English | Riley Grace Mulligan |
| Doug Flanary | Sharon Green & family |

We extend our Christian Love and Sympathy

....to the family and friends of **Dorothy Spahr** upon her death on Saturday, January 30, 2010. Services were held on March 11 in Mayfield.

....to the family and friends of **Charlotte Boyd** upon her death on Thursday, February 25, 2010. Services were held in Mayfield on Monday, March 1st.

....to the family and friends of **Euvah Howland** upon her death on Sunday, February 28, 2010 in Dearborn, Michigan. A celebration of her life will be held at a later time.

....to Rodney Nance and family in the death of this mother, **Shelby 'Jean' Nance** on Sunday, March 14, 2010 in Florida.. Services were held on Sunday, March 21st in Glendale, Illinois.



Everyone needs a little soup sometimes!

Do you know of someone recovering from sickness or is in a crisis and needing a quick meal? If so, our Nurture Team has prepared Vegetable Beef Soup for our church family to give to those in need. There are quart containers of the soup and loaves of bread in the refrigerator-freezer in the church kitchen. When you take one, please sign the list on the freezer door indicating that you've taken it so we can replenish when needed.



RELAY FOR LIFE

This year's Relay for Life will be at the Graves Co. High School Track on **Friday, June 11th**. You may honor or memorialize a friend or loved one by purchasing a Luminaria (\$5) or brick (\$50). Forms are available at the Water St. entrance and in the front entryway to the Sanctuary. All funds raised from Luminarias and bricks will benefit our church team. You may give them to or mail to **Khadra Turley**, 1412 Meadowlark Dr., Mayfield or place in the offering plate with your check. Shirts will again be available (cost \$16) with a portion going to our team. There is a shirt on display on the board in the Fellowship Hall. Sign your name and size and we will have them for you the next Sunday. It's not too late to join our team! Call Khadra at 247-8807 to sign up. Support the FUMC team by making your donation soon!



SPRING GET-TOGETHER FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

All cancer survivors and their families are invited to attend a get-together on **Sunday, April 11th** at **Jackson Purchase Medical Center** from 1-4 PM. A photographer will be there to take free photographs. This is a gift from the Relay Committee.

Relay Team Meeting this Sunday, March 28
after church in Charles Baugh Classroom.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - APRIL 9

Songwriter/Singer, **Archie Jordan** will be in concert at **Benton First UMC** on **Friday, April 9th** at 7 PM. There's no admission charge, and everyone is invited!



He is the composer of eight number-one hit songs, which include *What A Difference You've Made In My Life*, *It Was Almost Like A Song*, and *Let's Take the Long Way Around the World*. More than 100 artists have recorded his music, including Ronnie Milsap, Barbara Mandrell, Kenny Rodgers, Anne Murray, Amy Grant, Larnelle Harris, Shirley Caesar, Steven Curtis Chapman, and the Tams. But more important than all the accolades, Archie is a Christian! The "valleys" in his life have taught him that all his success is a gift from God.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wanted to take a moment to share with you a vision that God has put on my heart. The youth of our church and I are embarking on a mission trip to Mayfield, May 28 - 31. It is going to be called "City On Our Knees". It will be a joint outreach involving multiple churches and youth ministries from our area. We will be doing prayer walks, sports ministries, construction, as well as having times of prayer, devotions, and worship. As we embark upon this leap of faith, please keep up the prayer. I also encourage you to search your own hearts and go to the Lord in prayer to see if you are being called to be part of this outreach. At this time, we need helpers in all areas of the outreach. If you would like to get involved in any way, please contact myself, my wife, Christa, or Josh Wessel. If you have any questions, please contact me via email at anthcope76@yahoo.com or by phone (270) 804-1334. We covet your help in this outreach and most importantly we need your prayers.

Thank You and God Bless, Anthony

HOSPITALITY UPDATE ON

"A Time to Keep and A Time to Throw Away"


1. Please pick up any dishes that you have left in the kitchen as we will be placing them in the silent auction if not claimed.
2. The adult Sunday School literature bookshelf on the second floor has been organized. Please return any books, manuals, etc. in your classroom that you aren't presently using so that other classes can use them.
3. Last call for Bibles and Hymnals. We are saving roughly 50 of our best older hymnals for use in the Fellowship Hall. All others will be donated to the Bible/Hymnal Ministry for those persons in need of one.
4. If you donated a Christmas tree for last year's Bible School, please call the church office by March 31 or it will be placed in the silent auction.
5. We do ask that all Sunday School classes tidy up their own rooms, drawers, and cupboards. We are focusing on the common areas only.
6. The Hospitality Team would like to move the donations center to the closet in the Water St. entrance. We feel the collection boxes, wastebaskets, and storage containers are unsightly and detract from our beautiful Fellowship Hall. The closet is a convenient location with plenty of room and sturdy shelving. Our only concern is "out of sight...out of mind." Let's try it for a while and see how it works out. We will put a notice in *The Columns* periodically to remind everyone. We collect canned goods, glasses, sunglasses, eyeglass cases, yarn for knitting, Campbell soup labels, pop tops from soda cans and other cans, and greeting cards.
7. When all of the closets have been cleaned and organized, we will post a list in the Fellowship Hall and in the church office so everyone will know where to find things and where to put them away for storage.
8. The date for the silent auction will be announced soon!



NEWS FROM THE U.M.W.

The United Methodist Women and others of our church who are mission minded are collection pull-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Last year, the Memphis Conference UMW helped raise \$15,000 with pull-tabs for these Charities. The Ronald McDonald House is for those families who need a place to stay close to hospitals. The families are not charged. The tabs are pure high-quality aluminum, unlike cans, which consist of aluminum and other alloys. Of course, tabs take up much less room to store. This will be a good way to get the children involved and to teach them about philanthropy and recycling at the same time. We have been told that the pull tabs are sold and made into fine needles for children's chemotherapy shots. There is a container in the Fellowship Hall with hundreds already donated.



We are also collecting the UPC symbols on Campbell's products.  There are many more Campbell products than just the soups: Prego pasta sauces, Pepperidge Farm, V8 lids, Swanson, Franco-American. We do not need the entire wrapper from the cans, just the UPC. This is usually the scanner code, about a 2-inch rectangle. A container will be in the Fellowship Hall, and they will be donated to Reelfoot Missions.

April

If you have an April 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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| 1 - Jason Beck | 12 - Nathaniel Wessel |
| - Jeff Beck | 13 - Mandy Samples |
| - Kent Isbell | 15 - Tim Choate |
| 2 - Todd Biggs | 16 - Jeff Wolfe |
| - Courtney Henderson | 19 - Jason Almand |
| 3 - Ashley Boggess Pharris | - Dean Roper |
| - Carolyn Canter | - Beth Watts |
| - Charlotte Clemmons | 22 - Gerald Whitis |
| - Janie Ivy | 24 - Sharon W. Howard |
| - Hailey Jones | - Louise Knight |
| 4 - Jim Almand | 25 - Beverly Smith |
| 6 - Joe Green | 26 - Joyce McClain |
| 7 - Katie Boyd | - James Rogers |
| - Jonathan Grooms | 27 - Alex Green |
| 9 - Janice Kafton | 28 - Kent Hunt |
| 10 - Tom Anderson | 30 - Ruth Criswell |
| - Kylie Johnson | - Tobey Earles |
| - Marian King | |
| 11 - Raymond Burnett | |
| - Wesley Greer | |
| - Chris Guhy | |
| - John Marshall | |

Happy Belated Birthday to
Hope Smith - March 16
Oops! 😊

April Anniversaries

- Joe & Dean Roper.....April 5, 1959
 Sonny & Marietta Gibson.....April 11, 1993
 Steve & Reta Britton.....April 16, 1976
 Casey & Robin Preston.....April 27, 1996
 Chris & Mitzi Guhy.....April 30, 1988

Helping Haiti

Did you hear about Kathy O'Nan's Advanced Placement US History (APUSH) class at Mayfield High School and their concert for Haiti relief!? Those students know what we all know: Haiti needs a lot of help, and not just short-term, but long-term. Our church made a significant gift to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) efforts. If you would like to give more, designate your check Haiti.

Groups and classes in the church can also be a part of ongoing efforts by preparing and giving health kits and layette kits. Go to umcor.org on the web and click on "how to give." Perhaps you or your group would rather get behind Stop Hunger Now. They plan to provide at least 3 million meals in Haiti in 2010 alone! These meals can be provided and packaged at our local level. stophungernow.org, info@stophungernow.org or 888-501-8440.

Several of you have mentioned an interest in going to Haiti as part of a short-term mission team to help with rebuilding and other mission efforts. Please contact Pastor Joe to indicate your interest or for further information.

On the earth today, Christ has no hands but our hands. Thank you for praying and serving.

Mayfield First UMC T-ball Team!

It's time to sign up for our T-ball Team! If your little one (age 2 - 5 years) is interested in being on the team, please contact Jeremy Phillips at 251-3683 or email lauraphillips75@hotmail.com.

Dear Friends in Christ:

You know that the Bible says, "Without vision, the people perish (Proverbs 29:18)." The people of God at Mayfield First United Methodist Church need a vision so that God's work can live in and through us!

Our Church Council recently re-launched the Vision Team. Members of that team who began with Pastor Steve Bruns will be invited to re-up, and several others will join them (and me) in praying, gathering information, considering options, dreaming of the future and seeking God's guidance. We need a God-sized vision!



The Team will spend time dreaming and discerning about the long-term ministry goals of our church, and how our property can best be used to facilitate the vision. Look for this Team to generate ideas and recommendations regarding parking, facility improvement and expansion, and ministry focus.

Please pray for this Team and for our church. We want to be in the center of God's will for us, and we want to see the Kingdom living and growing in our community.

In Christ's service,
Joe

Graves Co. High School Day of Service - May 7

On Friday, May 7, the entire high school will head out into the community to give back! If you'd like to invite a small group (20 or less) of supervised students to work at your home (or with an organization of which you are a part), please contact Michelle McKee, 328.4884, michelle.mckee@graves.kyschools.us, or Kim Wheeler, 705-3033, wheeler@graves.kyschools.us. Thank God for this wonderful project and for the youth of our community!

Holy Wednesday - March 31

- 5:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:15 pm Worship

Mauudy Thursday - April 1

- 7:00 pm Worship
- 9:00-10:00 pm Praying with Jesus in the Garden

(Participants will use a scripture and prayer guide to lead them through an hour of special prayer. **Will you make the commitment now to stay awake with Jesus?** For just this hour? For more information, or to make your commitment to participate, email Pastor Joe at pstrio@ccol.net or call 247-5678 or 705-0554.)

Community Good Friday Service - April 2

- 12:00 Noon (location to be determined)

Easter Sunday - April 4

- Bring fresh flowers/blossoms for Flower Cross!

Holy Week offerings and special gifts during this season will be used 100% for missional causes. The Memphis Conference World Hunger Offering (which goes to support causes internationally, nationally, regionally and locally) and the One Great Hour of Sharing (which undergirds our United Methodist Committee on Relief) will be recipients. Bring your special mission gift this Sunday, to one of the Holy Week worship opportunities, or on Easter Sunday!

