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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: March 28, 2010

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Location: Rick and Gracie Murphree
108 Golf Club Road

Music, Magic, Fun, Food, Fellowship, and
Easter Eggs!

Bring 1 dozen/child filled Easter eggs to the church
by March 24 (Fellowship Hall)

Everyone is invited to join us!!

Watch for information on the
Holy Week activities that will be offered for
you and your family.

MARCH 3, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

- 8:30 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 Contemporary Worship (FLC/Gym)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC/Gym)
- 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 2:00 Stephens Ministry (Room 40)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:00 Girls Basketball
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 4:30 Brass Voices
- 5:30 Revelation Choir
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:00 Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 "GiG" Youth Small Groups
- 7:45 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 8

- 7:00 CLC Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful
- 10:30 Prayer at the Altar
- 11:00 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 30)
- 6:30 Music Reading Class
- 6:30 Christian Believer Class (LCR)
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 40)
- 7:00 Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

- 6:00 Beth Moore Study (LCR)
- 6:15 Angel Choir (Room 26)
- 6:15 Cherub choir (Room 21)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 6:00 Disciple III (LCR)
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 6:30 Selah Circle (FH)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—STAFF RETREAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Sunday School— 264 Worship— 491

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

February 28, 2010

BUDGET	\$16,248.14
PAVING THE WAY	\$2,562.00
MEMORIALS	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$200.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$2,286.33
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$21,296.47



- March 13** Martha Scott, Quintin Wardick
- March 14** Beth Riley, Larry Scollard, Rick Bryant, Ashleigh Frederick
- March 15** Mark Troutman, Bill Snyder
- March 16** Jason McCuiston, Kim Skoda, Festus Obonna, Maggie Berry
- March 17** Greg Cooper, Kim Emmett
- March 20** Wil Cantrell, Joel McDuffee, Lauren Robinson

(If we missed your birthday, we are sorry. Please notify the church office so your birthday can be added to our records.)



SUNDAY, MARCH 7

**Breakfast will be served by
the UMW ~
Sisters in Christ Circle
Please join us.**

UMW will meet on the following days to prepare the candy eggs.

<i>Mon 3/8</i>	<i>5:30 - 9:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Wed 3/10</i>	<i>5:30 - 9:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Thurs 3/11</i>	<i>5:30 - 9:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Fri 3/11</i>	<i>9:00 a.m. - noon</i>



We will be selling the candy eggs on Sunday, March 21st and Sunday, March 28th in the Fellowship Hall.

We are making a limited number, so buy your eggs early.

Proceeds will go to support 2010 UMW local, national and global missions.



"A Heart for Haiti"

Rallying together to make a difference!

Saturday, May 8 • Middlebrook Pike UMC

Pre-ordered tickets \$12.00

includes "A Heart for Haiti" bracelet

Tickets at door \$15.00

Tickets are limited, so order as soon as possible!

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Music begins at 7:00

To order tickets, please contact Eric Bronkala at:

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com

featuring:

Justin Lookadoo

Casey Darnell



Music, worship, fellowship, food & more - with all proceeds going to our Haiti ministry



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Friday, March 5

Breakfast of Champions

All junior and senior high youth should join us for breakfast at Shoney's (Walker Springs & Kingston Pike) beginning at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 for the breakfast bar and a drink.

Sunday, March 7 (new schedule!)

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Traditional & Contemporary Worship - 8:30 & 11:00

4:30 – Youth Choir

5:30 - Snack Supper

6:00 – Youth Group Special Event: “Bunco Night”

Meet in the gym.

7:00 - Small Groups (GiGs)

7:45 - Slingshot Worship Service

Room #52 - Youth Hallway - 2nd floor FLC

Wednesday, March 10

Wednesday Night Youth Connection - “Ignition”

5:15 to 6:15 – Youth handbells; 6:45 to 7:45 – Youth group

7:45 to 8:30 – Open gym & game room for youth

Mark your calendars...

Junior High Mission Trip (6th through 8th graders)

July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17—Birmingham, AL

Senior High Mission Trip (9th through 12th graders)

June 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, & 27—Daytona, FL

Rally To Benefit Haiti Ministry!

"A Heart for Haiti" - Rallying together to make a difference!

Saturday, May 8 - Middlebrook Pike UMC, Knoxville, TN

Pre-ordered tickets \$12.00 includes "A Heart for Haiti" bracelet

Tickets at door \$15.00

Tickets are limited, so please order as soon as possible!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. (general admission - come early!)

concessions, meet the speaker and music leader, merchandise, etc.

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - music, videos to show the current situation in Haiti,

introduction and commissioning of young adult mission team, message,

and more music! 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - For those who want to stick

around, everything remains open for fellowship, food, and interaction

with nationally-known personalities;

Justin Lookadoo and Casey Darnell.

Would you like to participate in the youth-led

Good Friday service on Friday, April 2?

See Eric Bronkala to sign up.

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net

The Mary Rayfield UMW Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at The Olive Garden on Kingston Pike at 6:30 pm. This is the annual "Family and Friends" meeting. Members are encouraged to bring spouses, children, "special others" and friends to this fun meeting! Visitors and those interested in joining a UMW circle are very welcome!



Sisters In Christ Circle

March 11 at 6:00

We will meet at the church to help decorate eggs for the UMW. Please bring a sandwich and drink of your choice. We will eat there before helping with the decorating.

We will serve breakfast this Sunday.

Come eat with us!

The Mary Rayfield Circle of UMW will be serving breakfast on Sunday, March 28--

Join US!!!!

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book helps us all to know more about our church. The who, what, when, why and how of our church. The book is being provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the church office at 690-8641. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

If you have any changes to your address, phone or e-mail, please make sure the church office is aware of them for the directory.

e-mail duglow@middlebrookpike.com

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- March 19- Parent's Night Out (Middlebrook Pike UMC)
- March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt (Rick and Gracie Murphree's home)
- April 11 - New Rotation (Ruth)
- May 9 - Eric Bronkala teaches 5th graders.
- May 16 - New Rotation (Miracles)
- May 21 - Parents Night Out
- June 7 - June 11- Vacation Bible School
- June 13 - Eric teaches 5th graders.
- June 27 - Summer Rotation begins
- July 16 - Parents Night Out
- July 25 - Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6th graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
- August 22 - Bible presented to rising 3rd graders. Information will follow.

Camp Wesley Woods

Summer is right around the corner. Please come by the office and receive a Camp Wesley Woods magazine. As you know, camp fills up quickly. Please see Ann if you need assistance.

Missions: Change for Children – ongoing
FISH – Peanut Butter

The Easter Egg

The empty Easter eggs will be in the baskets in the Narthex and Family Life Center beginning February 21, the first Sunday in Lent. Please take one (or two) and fill with coins, dollars, checks, or all. Return your Easter eggs by Easter, April 4. There will be baskets in the Narthex and Family Life Center. The money collected will be given to Change for Children. Each year, churches give loose change to benefit children's ministries in Holston Conference and in Africa. And each year, several groups receive that pocket change in the form of grants. Change for Children grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children, from birth to age 12, and their families. Holston churches and related United Methodist agencies are eligible for these funds.



Our Members in the Service

Jonathan Hamilton

Jordan Leslie – grandson of Jen Webb

Robert L. Kelly – grandson of Bill and Marie Cooper

Major Reed Berry – Judy Berry's son

Christina Olsen – Nate Valukas' cousin

Coleman Harrell, USAF – nephew of Sam and Diana Clark

Robert Haas – son of Don and Joyce Haas-stationed at Wright-Patterson, Ohio

Daniel Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed at Fort Dix, NJ

Jacob Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed in Norfolk, VA

Troy Arquette – stationed in Louisiana

Matthew Gardner - Erin Green's husband - USAir Force

Andrew Cooper – Larry Cooper's son in the Marines

Joshua Neas

Jesse Booth – USN – Nancy Booth's grandson

Rick Burnette – Kent Milsaps' nephew and Julia Milsaps grandson – stationed at
Ft. Gordon, GA

Blake Thompson – Bob and Elaine Ruth's son-in-law – stationed in Iraq

Nathan Smith – Walt and Elizabeth Smith's grandson – TN278th - Iraq

Dear MPUMC Family,

Thanks to all of you for your prayers, concerns, cards, calls, visits and delicious food we received during John's back surgery and while he continues to recover. It means a lot to us to know that all of you are there when the need arises with your loving-kindness and support in so many ways.

*May God bless you all,
John, Chris and J. French Brantley*



Thanks to everyone for all their prayers, calls, cards, and words of encouragement and support during the illness and death of my brother. Please ask for continued prayer as we deal with the loss of our loved one.

*Thank you so much,
Carol Russell*

March Ongoing

Prayer List

Blanche Wright (Sabra Buchheit's mother)
Carol Buchheit (John Buchheit's mother)
Jamie Chamblee (Rick and Sally Lovin's nephew)
Jayden Wise (Peggy Reed's nephew)
Phil Moore and his son Dustin
Jonathan Keas
George Kindred (Betty Turnbow's brother)
Bobbie Wray
Alice Moore
Bobby and Mary Gordy (Dawn Galle's parents)
Dorothy Cole (Emily Guffey's mother)
Fred Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's father)
Karen Posey (Mike Moses' niece)
Bill Cooper
Greg Cooper
John Ray (Shelia Cooper's father)
Catherine Cole (Bonnie Cole and Kathy Rinaca's mother)
Bobby Counts (Larry Katcham's cousin)
Danny Anthony (Ray McDonald's nephew)
Danny Mount (son of John and Kathy Mount)
John T. Mount (John Mount's father)
Linda Mefford and her father Alex and brother Mike
Monica (Betty Earl's grandniece)
Pat Jackson (Becky Gompf's aunt)
Georgia Bird (Jim Bird's step-mother)
Frank Bird (Jim Bird's uncle)
Andy Walker (Josh Walker's brother)
Bill Swaggerty Jr.
Paul Ellis (Wendy Evon's father)
Darlene Demaree (Loren Demaree's mother)
Jess Lockyer (Rosemary Lockyer's brother)
Chris Emmett
Carrie Hawley (Drew Hawley's mother)
Ruth Masterson (Charlie Harr's sister)
George and Billie Sliger (Fred Sliger's parents)
Debbie Cooper
Cheryl Chambers Whitus
Ruth Byard (Carol Russell's mother)
Susan Fletcher
Julia Milsaps
Barbara Baker
Charles Dunn (Greg Dunn's father)
JoAnn Havlicek (Rich Holly's sister)
Laurie Sluder (Sue Coe's niece)

Lilly Lay (Patty Dunlap's mother)
Kathy Short (Heidi Seeders cousin)
Mary Jo Roseberry (Harriet Miller's aunt)
John Brantley
Robert Bronkala (Eric Bronkala's father)
Wendell Huffstetler (Susan Berry's father)
Diane DeFreece (Jim DeFreece's mother)
Alan Handley (Margaret Spangler's son-in-law)
Agnes Rollins

The following names are our list of those known to be homebound. If you know of a homebound member who is not on our list, please contact the office so that we may add that name to our list, which is printed the 1st Wednesday of each month.

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers or drop them a note or a card.

If you know of anyone who needs to come off this list, please contact Debbie in the church office at 690-8641.

Please allow me to give you an update on what our church has done to help the earthquake victims in Haiti.

To date we have given \$13,455 directly to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to aid their relief efforts in Haiti. When we give through UMCOR, 100% of our giving goes directly to relief efforts because all administrative costs are covered by our denomination's annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering which we will be taking up this year on March 14.

In addition to our monetary donations, we supplied UMCOR with 446 health kits to be used in Haiti. Thanks to all of you who put together health kits and thanks especially to those of you who got you neighborhoods and places of work involved in our health kit drive as well.

Every health kit contained within it \$5 for shipping. Thanks to the opportunity to ship our kits along with other kits from United Methodist Churches in the Holston Conference our total shipping per kits came out to \$2 per kit rather than the \$5 we first anticipated. This left us with \$1,916 left over to send to UMCOR to be used to in their Haiti Relief efforts. (This \$1,916 is included in the above total of \$13,455 given by our church to UMCOR for relief efforts in Haiti.)

Now consider this: when you combine our gifts to Haiti with the gifts of all the other 903 United Methodist Churches in the Holston Conference (which encompasses East Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia) the numbers are staggering. The United Methodist churches of the Holston Conference together have now given over \$590,000 and collected over 17,000 health kits to be used for relief efforts in Haiti.

I'm proud that Middlebrook Pike's ministry in Haiti will not end with monetary donations and health kits. In August, we will be sending a mission team comprised primarily of young adults to Haiti. The team will be led by our youth and young adult director,

Eric Bronkala. In their attempt to raise prayers and funds for their trip to Haiti, the mission is sponsoring a worship event called *A Heart for Haiti* here at our church on the evening of Saturday May 8. The evening will feature the music of Casey Darnell who has led worship for the past two years at Divine Rhythm, the Holston Conference Young Adult Worship Retreat, and the preaching of Justin Lookadoo, who has been the preacher for the last two years at Resurrection, the Holston Conference Youth Worship Retreat. Tickets for the event have already gone on sale and we have begun inviting churches from around the Holston Conference to the event. I believe the event will be a blessing to everyone who attends and to our Haiti Mission team. If you would like to purchase tickets to the event, please contact Eric Bronkala at ebronkala@middlbrookpike.com.

Even as we continue to seek to support the people of during this critical time, we have all been saddened to learn of the powerful earthquake that hit the nation of Chile on Saturday February 27. Initial reports already confirm over 700 people have perished as a result of the quake. UMCOR is already working to provide relief in Chile while continuing its relief efforts in Haiti. If you would like to make a gift to assist UMCOR's relief efforts in Chile, you may give a gift to the church and designate it for Chile. Or you may give directly to UMCOR at www.umcor.org.

Thank you for your prayers, your compassion, and your generosity for the victims of these natural disasters!

Grace and Peace,

Wil

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Alex Mefford, Maxine Kessler (Pat Kessler's mother-in-law), Janice Campbell, Mary Tucker, Kristi Davis, Willa Long, Rachel Buchheit, Carol Buchheit, Charlene Tarvin, Steve Hinkle (Helen Walker's son)

PASTOR ON CALL
March 5-6

Wil Cantrell
cell- 919-0647

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY
March 7

3rd Sunday in Lent
Avoiding Spiritual Disasters
Mark 14: 53-65

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