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AUGUST 14 B-I-G BAR-B-Q

(sponsored by the choirs)



Join us for their famous pork barbeque, sides and dessert.

Program of favorite hymns and gospel songs with special guest, Lynn Bennett.

Dinner will be served from 5—7pm
Program will begin at 6:30pm.

Tickets will go on sale August 1 and August 8.

JULY 28, 2010

The Messenger



CHURCHWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday, August 28

Time: 8am—1pm

You can pay \$15.00 for a table/space and bring all the items that you would like to sell.

Proceeds from renting table space will go towards buying banners for our worship services. Proceeds from the items that you sell are yours to keep.

Call the church office to reserve your space.



Mary and Martha Go To Church
starting August 1

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 8:45 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FH)
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
 6:30 Youth Group

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 Trustees Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
 6:00 Stephen's Ministry (Room 30)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

6:15 Early Risers Choir
 7:00 Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

5:00 Praise Team (FLC)
 6:00 Steps Co-Parenting Class (Old Building)
 7:00 Finance Committee Meeting (LCR)
 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

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



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE JULY 25, 2010

Sunday School—233 Worship— 471

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

JULY 25, 2010

BUDGET	\$17,068.00
PAVING THE WAY	\$3,593.00
MEMORIALS~	Jeanette Gamble Judy Boyd, Faye Boyd Jenny Carleston
SPECIAL OFFERINGS	
FISH	\$345.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$3,160.68
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$24,166.68



August 9 Noel Champion, Denise Bryant

August 11 Beverly Walker

August 12 Elaine Hauk

August 13 Glen Beets

August 14 Ann Neas, Ron Pearman

August 15 Judy Jenkins, Allison Daniels, Amelia Bumpus

August 16 Matthew Walker, Brenda Palmer,
Stephanie Simmons, Madison Wilkins,
Gary Beck, Bonnie Pardue

August 17 Caroline Lutz, Dana McAlister

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



SUNDAY, AUGUST 1

Breakfast will be served by the
 UMW
 Selah Circle

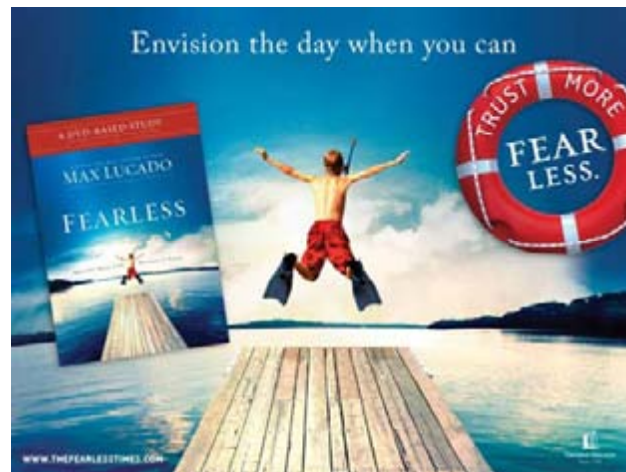
Please join us!

Materials Needed For Project Crossroads Mission Trip

Again we are blessed to serve God on a Mission Trip. On August 15, several members of our church will travel to Marion VA to Project Crossroads to roof a house. We want to show our support for Mickey Rosenblum and the great job he has been doing there this summer. This trip will require that we provide the materials to roof the house. Please help us fulfill this mission by making a contribution to MPUMC marked Material for Project Crossroads.

The money will then be sent to Mickey so he can purchase the supplies that we will need. Any monies that are not used will be kept as funds for future roofing missions. Roofing teams are in great demand in our conference and we hope this trip will create future mission trips for our service and talents.

Thank you and may God bless you for your support.



Next study in Genesis Sunday School Class – You may buy the book, but purchasing it is not necessary. Each week for 6 weeks we will view a 6-8 minute video by Max Lucado and then instruction and discussion will follow. The study will cover 6 chapters in the book.

Everyone is welcome to join us.
We meet in Room 31 at 9:45.

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- August 22, 2010 – Bible presented to rising 3rd graders. Information will follow.
- September 5, 2010 – Graduation Sunday for us!!! All children will move to the next class.
- September 17, 2010 – Parents Night Out

Missions:

Change for Children – ongoing
FISH –Peanut Butter

Rising 3rd Graders ~ Bibles ~ August 22, 2010

Call Ann at the church office if you have a rising 3rd grader. Bibles will be presented during all Worship Services. Ann needs to know the Worship Service that you attend.

Calendaring

Begin looking at your calendars for the upcoming school year (September 5). We will be adjusting our need for volunteers a little. We are asking Rotation leaders to give either 2 weeks (Acts of God and Parable Playhouse) or 3 weeks (How Great Thou Art, Christ's Café, and Mouse Pad). There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Welcome Center beginning July 11, 2010.

We will be looking for a PK teacher.
Allison Watt will be teaching the 3's.

We will be looking for a 5th grade teacher.
This can be shared among the 5th grade parents.

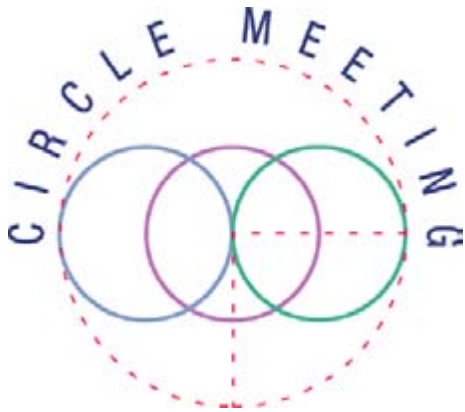
Ann Cover -
Director of Children's Ministries



FALL DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

SIGN UPS WILL START THIS
SUNDAY

YOU CAN FIND THE SIGN UP
SHEETS WITH THE CLASSES
BEING OFFERED IN THE
NARTHEX AND FLC



SISTERS IN CHRIST CIRCLE ~

August meeting will be at
Nancy Saylor's, Thursday,
August 12 at 6:15 pm.

We will meet at the church at 5:30
pm to ride the bus to the Saylor's.
Jerry Gilley will be driving us.

Nancy's phone is 980-2865.

Book Available

We have made the book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living* available to you, our church family, for the price of \$5.00. They are on tables in the Narthex and the rear of the family life center. The Holston Conference felt so strongly about the significance of this little book by Rueben P. Job, that the Conference distributed it to our delegates two years ago at Annual Conference.

It is powerful. Please pick one up this Sunday (if not before).

You will be blessed.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Friday, July 30

Summer Lunch Bunch – 11:30 a.m. to 3:00

Come join us for food and fellowship in the food court at West Town Mall. After lunch, those youth who can stay will go see a movie or go shopping.
Youth are responsible for their expenses.

Sunday, August 1

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship 9:45 – Youth Sunday School

Special Youth Group Event:

TENNESSEE SMOKIES BASEBALL GAME & CHRISTIAN CONCERT

**Cost for new sixth graders: FREE!!! Everyone else:
\$12.00** We will meet at MPUMC at 3:00 p.m. (game time - 5:00 p.m.), and return to the church by 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 4

Wednesday Night Youth Connection presents “YOUTH VS. EXPERIENCE”

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – Meet in the gym

Several silly games and stunts will headline this event!
Not too competitive...but a lot of fun!

Saturday, August 7

Young adults leave for Haiti Mission Trip. Stay connected with our team by going to www.prayingpelicanmissions.org and follow the link to trip journals.
Our team will update their journal daily.

August 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, & 13

Young Adult Mission Trip to Haiti

Sunday, August 8

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship
9:45 – Youth Sunday School

Summer Youth Group – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. – “BOARD GAME NIGHT”

Bring in your favorite card game or board game, and teach the rest of us how to play it! Meet in the youth rooms.

No Wednesday night youth group on Wednesday, August 11. Our big kick-off to fall Wednesdays begins August 18. Come be a part of it!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Youth Lock-in last weekend!

We had 35 youth participate – several of them rising sixth graders!

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

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CareNotes Distribution Exceeds 1,300

CareNotes, the faith-based program which addresses good health through discussion of topics dealing with mind, body, and spirit, continues to be very successful. Over 1,300 booklets have been picked-up within the church since the program was initiated in Fall, 2008.

We now have nearly 80 different titles available via the six distribution racks located in the Narthex, near the Information Center within the lower level entrance lobby, inside the entrance to the Family Life Center, in the men's and women's restrooms near the FISH pantry, and at the entrance to the Church Office.

The handy booklets offer information and inspiration on a wide variety of issues, some of which you may be facing. We encourage you to stop and review the different titles.

FIRST TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH

will meet on August 3 at Red Lobster on Kingston Pike at 1pm.

Call Joyce Haas ~ 690-6426
to make your reservation by
Monday, August 2.

Everyone is welcome to join us for lunch.

Eric and I will be using the Mary and Martha story from Luke 10.38-42 in our sermons for the next two Sundays. This passage tells of Jesus coming to the house of these two sisters. While Jesus is there, Mary sits with Jesus and listens to what he has to say. Martha, on the other hand, is hard at work. We can imagine Martha is trying to be a good host by preparing a meal for Jesus and making sure her house in is perfect order. Martha becomes frustrated that Mary is not helping her, but Jesus tells Martha that Mary has chosen the better part meaning her listening to and being with Jesus is more important than the tasks Martha is so concerned about.

Eric and I will be talking about how we can choose the “better part” and be a “Mary” church and “Mary” Christians rather than simply a Martha church and Martha Christians. God wants more for us than our simply being a busy church, busy doing good works. God wants us to take time to come and truly live in God’s presence. We need to listen to the Lord, and let God guide our lives and our church life.

When we look at the Mary and Martha story in its context in Luke’s gospel, Jesus’ response may seem surprising. Just before this story about Mary and Martha’s encounter with Jesus is Jesus’ parable of the Good Samaritan, a story in which Jesus illustrates what it looks like for people to love their neighbor. The Good Samaritan emphasizes doing good deeds and helping neighbors. Isn’t this what Martha is trying to do, just trying to be a good neighbor and a hospitable host?

It is important for us to note that Jesus never says what Martha is doing is bad, but he simply says that Mary has chosen the better part in her listening to Jesus. Our doing good works and loving our neighbors are very important as we see illustrated in the Good Samaritan, but we should not be busy doing good without seeking to dwell in Christ’s presence and without taking time to listen to the LORD.

Some scholars suggest that these passages fit together with the Good Samaritan parable illustrating love of neighbor and the Martha and Mary story illustrating love of God. This is a reasonable conclusion because Jesus tells the Good Samaritan story immediately after He agrees with a teacher of the law that God’s Law states, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and you neighbor as yourself.” That statement about love of God and neighbor therefore sets up what then follows.

So what is the take away message for our lives? In our busy lives and in our busy church we need to seek to love God and love our neighbor by seeking to dwell in God’s presence and taking time to listen to the LORD as we love our neighbors in our everyday living. May we allow the LORD truly be the author of our lives. I am convinced that when we listen to the LORD, God will refresh us for our work, God will empower us for our work, and God will guide us to do the work God has called and created us to do. When we seek the LORD, we will find our purpose for today and God’s purpose for our lives. If in your daily living you wonder if you are making a difference or if you feel empty or if you have become frustrated, it is probably a sign you need to take a time out to sit at Jesus’ feet, to listen to Him, and to dwell in His presence.

-Pastor Josh

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Charlene Tarvin, Sara Cullison, Martha Sparrow’s mother, Tessa Brantley (John Brantley’s niece), Amanda Gompf, Sue Murray (Harriet Miller’s aunt), TJ Hosch, Emily Brocco’s mother, Gregg McNamara’s step-father

BIRTHS: Tyson —baby boy born to Danny and Beth Mount—grandparents are John and Kathy Mount, Anna Kate —baby girl born to Matt and Katie Gentry, Allison Marie—baby girl born to Skip and Lynn Davis on 7/27

Pastor on Call
July 30-31

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