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FEBRUARY 1, 2012

The Messenger

Mini-Revival and Spiritual Growth Weekend with Dr. Ellsworth Kalas



Saturday, February 11, 2012 10:00 a.m.

**Special address followed by question
and answer period.**

**Refreshments will be provided just
prior to Q & A period.**

Sunday, February 12, 2012

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Preaching at worship services

On Campus Events

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
January 29, 2012
Sunday School 309 — Worship 343

Sunday, February 5

8:30 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
8:30 Contemporary Service (FLC)
9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FH)
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 Contemporary Service (FLC)
4:00 First Place
4:30 Brass Voices
5:30 Revelation Choir
5:30 Junior High Boys Basketball practice
6:30 Youth Snack Supper
7:00 Youth Group

Monday, February 6

6:00 STEPS Class (Room 23)
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Trustees Meeting (LCR)

Tuesday, February 7

7:30am OPEN GYM
9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
9:00 CEP
10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
6:30 Cub Scouts
6:30 Prayer Meeting (Room 52)
7:00 OPEN GYM
7:00 Boy Scouts
7:00 Women's Faith and Fellowship Class
7:00 NOW Circle

Wednesday, February 8

5:15 Wednesday Night Gathering Dinner
5:15 Youth Handbell Choir
5:30 ESL Class (Room 23)
6:15 Early Risers Choir
6:15 Angel Choir
6:15 Cherub choir
6:15 Friendship Choir
6:30 Tony Dungy Study (Room 27)
6:30 Good and Beautiful Life Class (Old Bldg.)
6:30 Good and Beautiful Community Class (Old Bldg.)
6:45 Youth Group
7:00 Chancel Choir
7:00 Children's Handbells
7:00 Beth Moore Study (LCR)
7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)

Thursday, February 9

9:00 CEP
9:30 Beth Moore Study (Room 30)
5:00 Praise Team
5:30 ESL (Room 23)
6:30 Toastmasters (Room 30)
7:00 ESL Class
7:00 Finance Meeting (LCR)

Friday, February 10

Saturday, February 11

8:00 UMM Breakfast
8:00 Basketball
9:00 STEPS Class (Old Bldg.)
10:00 Mini-Revival with Dr. Kalas

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

January 29, 2012

BUDGET		\$14,217.05
FORWARD IN FAITH		\$1,783.00
MEMORIAL	Jennifer McDonald	
HONORARIUM	Carroll Grubbs & Adam Delahoussaye	
FISH		\$252.00
HOLSTON HOME		\$1,061.00
Other-Designated Offerings		\$5,422.55
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$22,735.60

Happy Birthday!

February 11	Gwynn Pearman, Colleen Robinson, Alyssa Douglas
February 12	Amber Shillings
February 13	Melinda Shillings, Lillie Watt, Steve Boyd
February 14	Leigh Stivers, Cliff McKenry
February 15	Vance Barnes, Julia Milsaps
February 16	Beth Long, Heather Melton

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

Join
Us
For
Breakfast



February 5

UMW ~Mary Rayfield Circle
will be serving

Please join us!!



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Upcoming MPUMC Youth Events & Activities

Wednesday, February 1

Youth Handbells – 5:15
Youth Group – 6:45 to 8:30

*Come participate in all sorts of games and activities.
Meet in the youth rooms.*

Senior High Boys' Basketball Practice – 8:30 to 9:30

Friday, February 3

BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

7:00 a.m. at Shoney's (Walker Springs & Kingston Pike) –
MPUMC youth and their friends are
invited for breakfast and a short
devotion presented by a guest speaker.
\$5.00 for breakfast bar and a drink...
we'll be done by 7:50 and take you to school!
Speaker: Dr. John Buchheit

Saturday, February 4

Senior High Boys' Basketball Game – 9:00 a.m. at MPUMC
Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Prep – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. –
MPUMC Fellowship Hall

Sunday, February 5

9:00 to noon – Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale –
MPUMC Fellowship Hall
8:30 & 11:00 – Worship
9:45 – Youth Sunday School
**4:30 - Youth Choir @ Eric Bronkala's Home
2552 Brighton Farms Blvd. (37932)**
**5:30 to 10:00 – Youth Group Super Bowl Party
@ Eric Bronkala's Home**

Tuesday, February 7

Junior High Boys' Basketball Game –
6:00 p.m. at Concord UMC

Wednesday, February 8

Youth Handbells – 5:15
YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL – 6:15
Youth Group – 6:45 to 8:30
Senior High Boys' Basketball Practice – 8:30 to 9:30

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries
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Habitat Blitz Day - Feb. 18th

Mark your calendar our Habitat House Blitz day is
Saturday February 18th! We will start the day with
nothing but a concrete floor slab and assemble and put up the
walls, roof rafters and roof decking with tar paper to get the
house "in the dry." We will be joined by our brothers and sisters
from Bearden and 1st United Methodist. More details to come
but again mark your calendars.....**Blitz Day February 18th.**

**Sing up sheets are on the bulletin board or check out the
church website.**

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Feb. 7 at the Red Lobster on Kingston Pike at 1pm for lunch and fellowship.

Call Joyce Haas to make your reservation.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 5

Please welcome the Boy Scouts in our 11:00 Traditional worship service this Sunday.

We are very proud of these young boys and their leaders.

IMPACTING MINISTRY 2012

***Sunday, Feb. 12
1:30 to 4pm***

***Sponsored by
Knoxville District***

Children's Corner

Dates To Remember

February 12 (New Rotation) – Joseph and His Brothers

March 18 (New Rotation) – Women in the Bible

March 31 – Easter Egg Hunt – More information will follow



April 8 – Easter - Sunday School with Ann



April 22 (New Rotation) – Zacchaeus

May 13 – Mother's Day – Sunday School with Ann



May 27 – Summer Sunday School

June 4 - Vacation Bible School



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Ann Cover -
Director of Children's Ministries
acover@middlebrookpike.com

OPEN GYM STARTING BACK

We will start back on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 at **7:30AM** ~~
Join us for a little exercise to start your day!!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

We can give our used but unwanted items to any KARM store using the church name. Once \$400 worth is accumulated, the church will be sent gift cards for people in need to shop at KARM.

Clip coupons from Campbell soup cans and other products, place in the RED BIRD MISSION BOX in the hallway across from the FISH door.

Check the bulletin board across the way from FISH for details.

Thank you for supporting these projects.

CLERGY COLUMN

A Caring Community

Praise God for a wonderful Sunday at MPUMC! Sunday we were blessed to have great attendance in worship and over 300 for Sunday school! I have heard several positive comments about the job Ralph Skinner did in bringing the message in the traditional services, and I felt that the Crossroads worship services were also a blessing yesterday. We were blessed to have Josh Fox and the 8:30 team lead worship along with Mike Mould who serves as the youth pastor at Asbury United Methodist in Greenville.

I was especially blessed yesterday by the sense of community I felt on a day when we were talking about the importance of community. I felt like what I was preaching about was the reality I saw and felt yesterday. I mentioned in my sermon that, as Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4, we are all members of the Body of Christ with much to contribute. As members of the Body of Christ, we are all called to be involved in ministry, in caring for one another.

Related to our being called to care for one another, Paul tells us in Galatians 6.2, "Carry one another's burdens, and in so doing you fulfill the law of Christ." We are all called to care in this way and be there for one another. We will all have times in life when we will need our sisters and brothers to encourage and support us through difficulty, and so we also need to be willing to do the same for others among us who are going through difficulty. God calls on all of us to pay attention to the needs of others and to reach out when others are hurting. God calls us to pay attention when folks are absent and follow up with them. Yesterday I mentioned that it takes all of us giving what we have to give and caring as God calls us to care in order for God's church to be what God wants us to be.

I want to make clear that what I said in my sermon

yesterday does not imply at all that anything is wrong here at MPUMC, but my comments about all of us caring and being intentional about checking up on one another was simply a call to action for us to continue growing in being the caring community God wants us to be. If we all do our part, more and more people will feel welcomed and feel connected to the community. As we welcome new people in, let's also make sure to pay attention to the needs and concerns of those who have been connected to the community for some time who may need us to check up on them. MPUMC is already a great church, a caring church and a welcoming place. Let's just make sure we all do our part to ensure MPUMC continues to grow in becoming who God wants us to be! We all have a part to play in helping MPUMC become the best church it can be. I close with a passage that has been used a lot in January in our leadership meetings, with staff, CLC, SPR among other groups- let this passage guide us to have our focus where it needs to be:

²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus... -Philippians 2.2-5

~~Pastor Josh

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Curt Lowden (Susan Fletcher's step-father),
Elois Shears (Marci McGregor's grandmother),
Layna Clester's family, Charlene Tarvin,
Louse Smith

Pastor on Call
February 3-4
Eric Rieger
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

