



IMPACTING MINISTRY 2010

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 1-4:30pm

Our church will be hosting this Knoxville District Event offering workshops and training in many areas that will benefit all church leaders.

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Health Kits for Haiti

A big thanks to everyone who made a health kit for Haiti. We collected an incredible 425 health kits on Sunday, Jan. 24th! These health kits will be shipped to Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA to be processed and sent to the victims of the earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. If you still have a health kit to be sent to the victims, bring it to the Fellowship Hall next Sunday, Jan. 31st.



Our new white par aments were purchased with the money from these generous sources:

*The United Methodist Women

*an anonymous donor

*Donations in Memory of Jean Holbert and April Morgan

Thanks to all who donated.

JANUARY 27, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

- 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)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:30 Brass Voices
- 5:30 Revelation Choir
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:00 "GiG" Youth Small Groups
- 7:30 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 7:00 Trustees Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 5:15 Youth Handbell Choir
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:15 Angel Choir (Room 26)
- 6:15 Cherub choir (Room 21)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Finance Meeting (LCR)
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 21 and 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 6:00 Disciple III
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 23 and 31)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 8:00 Sr. High Boys Basketball

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 24, 2010

Total Worship - 541 Sunday School - 279

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

JANUARY 17, 2010

BUDGET	\$16,759.95
PAVING THE WAY	\$2,730.00
MEMORIALS—Judy Boyd	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$690.00
UMCOR Haiti Relief	\$6,317.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$4,162.98
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,659.93

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

JANUARY 24, 2010

BUDGET	\$17,959.95
PAVING THE WAY	\$2,609.00
MEMORIALS—Winell Drawdy- Carol Melton's mother	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$170.00
Peace Sunday	\$792.38
Haiti Relief	\$4,106.00
Health Kits	\$2,271.12
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$2,604.43
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$30,512.88



- January 28** Jonathan Keas, Andrew Stock, Becky Clay
- January 29** Benetta Newberry, Mary LaBonte
- January 30** Joe McMurray
- January 31** Louise Smith, Barbara Baker, Claire Bradley
- February 1** Jackie Sims, Gina Giannattasio
- February 2** Tracy Gibson
- February 3** Betty Earl, Jackson McDonald, Carol Melton

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



SUNDAY, JANUARY 31
PLEASE JOIN US
FOR A DELICIOUS
BREAKFAST of
bacon biscuits, chicken
biscuits and jelly biscuits
YUM!

FEBRUARY

February 2 ~ **Mothers' Support Group** will meet at Puleo's at 11:30 in back room at the Deane Hill shopping center. Please bring your calendar since we will be planning our winter retreat. Mothers of all ages are welcome. Email ritatate@tds.net to confirm your reservation.

February 2 ~ **TUESDAY LUNCH BUNCH** will meet at 1pm at Red Lobster—call Joyce Haas to make your reservation.

February 3 ~ **Beth Moore Study** will meet at 6 pm in the large conference room. "Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent" is a 7 week study and an in depth look at 15 Psalms. Themes such as unity, joy and gratitude, redemption, repentance and the power of blessing are explored. You can call Sandy Daniels at 556-6937 with questions or to sign up.

February 4~**Ladies Thursday Morning Bible Study** We are starting a 7 week study by Priscilla Shirer called "One in a Million--Journey to Your Promise Land". It's an opportunity to engage in the abundant inheritance God has waiting if we're willing to follow Him into the promised land. Call Elaine at 693-7629 for more information.

February 11 ~ **SISTERS IN CHRIST CIRCLE**

February 13 ~ **SWEETHEART BANQUET at MPUMC**
Bring your sweetheart for a romantic evening!
Catered dinner, music, The Newlywed Game,
prizes and more!! Details to follow. Reservations
will be required with a limited seating.



February 17 ~ **Ash Wednesday** —join us for *FAT TUESDAY ON WEDNESDAY*. A dinner of breakfast foods at 5:15-6:15 and then a service and program in the Sanctuary at 6:30. Reservations are required for dinner-call the church office— \$6.00 adult, \$3.00 child/youth. Family max \$22.00.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11:00
"Crossroads" Contemporary Worship - 8:45 & 11:00

"FISH FOOD" (Snack Supper)
5:30 to 6:00 p.m. - \$3.00

"GIG" Youth Small Groups - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

"SLINGSHOT" Worship Service 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
In the room #52. Please come and join us!

YOUTH CHOIR...

This semester, we will develop a youth choir that sings both traditional and contemporary music from a typical choral set-up. This group will have opportunities for leading worship as well as a spring concert in late-April or early-May.

Teresa Ryder and Jennifer McDonald have agreed to direct the choir and will begin rehearsals with a **special meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sunday, February 7 in the choir room.** Please come check it out!

THANK YOU to those who helped with Sunday's snack supper! We served 81 people from our youth group, the adult choir, and members of the youth group from First UMC, Oak Ridge.

YOUTH SUPERBOWL HOAGIE SALE

Enjoy a great sandwich with the Super Bowl, or for a quick Sunday lunch, and help our youth program by ordering Super Bowl hoagies. The \$8.00 price includes a six-inch hoagie sandwich, pickles, potato chips & a chocolate chip cookie. Order forms will be available at the Sunday morning worship services. Fill out the order form and place it in the offering plate or basket. All orders may be picked up and paid for after the early and late services in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 7th.

Confirmation?

Confirmation is a faith-building and faith-affirming experience for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders. The experience will begin with a special orientation for youth, parents, and mentors on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the MPUMC youth rooms. Potential confirmands should sign-up with Eric Bronkala and select their mentor—A.S.A.P. Detailed information will be sent to each confirmand and mentor this week!

Slingshot Worship at MPUMC

Come to our youth and young adult worship experience called "Slingshot" - Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. in room #52. Our January sermon series continues...

This week - "Are You Serious? Dr. Seuss?"
And...don't forget to look for the Slingshot worship community on Twitter at "Slingshot411."

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries
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MPUMC YOUTH ADULT MISSION TEAM TO HAITI – AUGUST 7 to 13

We are all aware of the tragic situation that has fallen upon Haiti over the past couple of weeks.

The destruction from the earthquake is unbelievable! Our church is working to be a resource for the people of Haiti with both a short-term mission response and possible long-term partnerships. Thanks to long-standing relationships with local churches, airline companies, and mission trip providers we are able to provide a powerful way to get involved, offering our first recovery mission trip for young adults (approximately age 18 to 25) to Haiti from August 7-13, 2010.

Please see Eric Bronkala for sign-up and support information.

Prayers and Gifts for Peace

Thanks to all of you who made our Community Prayer Service for Peace a success on Sunday January 24. 132 people attended the service and a love offering of over \$790 was taken up for the Mar Elias School, a school in Israel where Muslim, Jewish, and Christian students study together and learn peacemaking skills. Thanks especially to Sonny Melton and our adult choirs for joining with the youth choir of 1st UMC Oak Ridge to bless us with an inspirational rendition of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*. And thanks to Mickey Rosenblum for challenging us all to continually pray for peace.

Please continue to pray for peace in our lives, our community, and our world.

You are invited to a casual reception
MPUMC Stephen Ministry—POSTPONED ONE WEEK
Please come, Sunday, February 7, 2010 1-3pm
Library—Room 27

Welcoming—Bill Swaggerty—newly certified Stephen Leader

Information with no obligation—Can you commit to 50 hours of training, then to a 2 year commission? While being a Stephen Minister requires commitment of time and effort, it also brings joy and fulfillment. You will use the skills you learn not only in you're caring ministry, but also in your everyday relationships with family, friends, co-workers and neighbors.

Please pray about this opportunity.

RSVP to: Lynne 584-1624 / 661-9746
Bill 675-8377
Debbie at the church office 690-8641

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

March 19– Parent's Night Out (Middlebrook Pike UMC)

February 21 - New Rotation (Easter)

June 7 – June 11 – Vacation Bible School

Missions:

Change for Children – ongoing
FISH – Peanut Butter

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.

As summer quickly approaches, parents are looking for summer activities for their children. If you would like to sponsor (whole or partial scholarship) a child to Camp Wesley Woods, give Ann a call. The cost of camp is anywhere from \$195.00 - \$400.00. Thanks so much for helping a child attend camp.

Baby Bulletin Board

Please send Ann a picture of your baby with the full name and date of birth on the back if he/she is younger than 1 year, and we don't have one.



Everyone enjoys looking at the newest additions to our church family.

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

Leadership That Counts...

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.
Galatians 5:6 New International Version

In the new year I have observed so much love for Christ's Church here at Middlebrook Pike UMC from its Lay Leaders and members and friends. Your Lay Leaders have met many hours in January for training, dialogue, and planning.

Your Church Leadership Council met on Saturday, January 9, for training, orientation, consecration, and to hold the first CLC meeting of the new year. First there was training regarding leadership, followed by a time of introductions and a sharing of responsibilities related to each leadership position. Then each leader received a "mantle of leadership", a red, felt stole with the United Methodist symbol of the cross and flame upon it as they accepted anew their position of leadership in the church. We then held our first CLC meeting.

Your Natural Church Development Church Health Team has had two meetings already this month, a total of 7 hours, with our coach, the Reverend Richard Edwards. The Church Health Team has met to digest, dialogue, and form action plans based on the responses to the congregation surveys we took in the Fall. Action plans are being developed to help us become even a stronger church. We are focusing on the area of Inspiring Worship.

In addition to the large leadership meetings referred to above, your Trustees, Finance Committee, and Staff/Parish Relations Committees have already met and have begun planning their work for the new year. Your leaders have given many hours to help us be about our mission. And I know other leaders who haven't been mentioned have been hard at work.

I'm also very proud of the excellent work by leaders in our church who made the Community Prayer Service for Peace

such a powerful event. Mickey Rosenblum had the vision and Wil planned a very meaningful service. Our choir and the youth choir from First UMC, Oak Ridge sang together. Youth from Oak Ridge and Mickey shared their powerful stories of how God led them to work and pray for peace in the mid-East.

We will close out this month by hosting a District-wide leadership training event—The Knoxville District Impacting Ministry Event. Leaders from 50+ churches in the Knoxville District will come to Middlebrook Pike UMC this Sunday to receive further training in leadership.

And I am so proud of the response to Haiti. 425 Health Kits have been received. That is incredible and will bless the people so. \$10,000 in relief money has been collected. What a response!

What makes leaders give of their time and energy in frigid January weather? Why do folks respond incredibly to need as we have? Because the Holy Spirit has filled our hearts with God's love (Romans 5:5).

Thank you for expressing your faith through acts of love.
Thank you for serving as leaders in our church.

Pastor Eric

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Wendell Huffstetler (Susan Berry's father), Diane DeFreece (Jim DeFreece's mother), John Brantley, Robert Bronkala (Eric Bronkala's father), Marcy Miller

DEATHS: Nathan Bridges (Margie Oliver's brother), Ford Turnbow (Craig Turnbow's father)

BIRTHS: Hannah Love—baby girl born to Scott and Stephanie Simmons 1/22/10

**PASTOR ON CALL
January 29-30**

Eric Rieger
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