



Jubilation 2010 Living Abundantly

April 11-13, 2010 ~ Kingsport, TN

This is the tenth annual gathering of senior adults in the Holston Conference of the UMC. You are invited to join us for workshops that will nurture spiritual growth, provide educational opportunities, ways to cope with life issues, promote involvement in missions and enhance Christian fellowship.

Please call the church office for a brochure and registration form.

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Sweetheart Banquet

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 13
6pm

Bring your Sweetheart for a romantic evening. You will be served a catered dinner to the tunes of Kenny G, a chance to test how well you know your spouse by playing The Newlywed

Game, guessing games (to see how much you really know), prizes and more surprises.

Reservations are required due to limited seating by Wed. Feb 10—call the church office.

Cost is \$35.00 couple/\$17.50 per person.

We Need Your Help

Did your utility bill this month leave you wondering what to do? Due to the harsh winter everyone is experiencing some of the highest utility costs we have seen in quite some time. The same holds true for your Church. The total utility cost for MPUMC in January was over \$6,700. Please help us conserve as much as possible. Turn off lights, close doors, and make sure thermostats are returned to their original setting if you change them. Please do not assume someone will come along and do these things. Everyone needs to do their part in helping us to conserve.

FEBRUARY 3, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 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)
- 12:30 Worship Team Meeting (LCR)
- 1:00 Stephen Ministry Reception (Room 27)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:00 Girls Basketball (FLC)
- 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 8

- 5:00 Cub Scouts (FLC)
- 5:30 UWM Board Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 CLC Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 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)
- 5:00 Cub Scouts (FLC)
- 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 10

- 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 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 21 and 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 6:00 Disciple III
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 6:30 Selah Circle (FH)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 23 and 31)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:00 Sr. High Boys Basketball
- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 6:00 Sweetheart Banquet

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

JANUARY 31, 2010

Sunday School—10

Worship—73

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

JANUARY 31, 2010

BUDGET	\$11,385.20
PAVING THE WAY	\$1,240.00
MEMORIALS-Judy Boyd	
HONORARIUM-Tammy Ellison	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$110.00
UMCOR Haiti Relief	\$907.00
Holston Home for Children	\$170.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$1,547.51
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$15,359.71



- February 4** James Costa, Elaine McGinn, Jennifer Hughes
- February 5** Sam Clark, Bob Wilson, Julia Milsaps
- February 6** Angie Kelly
- February 7** Elizabeth Nulton
- February 8** Tony McLoud, Don Palmer, Rick Gray
- February 9** Brittney McLoud
- February 11** Gwynn Pearman, Colleen Robinson, Alyssa Douglas
- February 12** Amber Shillings, Danielle Chapman
- February 13** Lillie Watt, Grant Bodie, Steve Boyd
- February 14** Matthew Montague, Leigh Stivers, Cliff McKerry
- February 15** Vance Barnes
- February 16** Heather Melton, Beth Long
- February 17** Larry Cooper

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

**Breakfast will be served by Selah Circle
Proceeds will go to UMCOR**



FEBRUARY

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 7 ~ **MPUMC Stephen Ministry**— Casual Reception 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

February 11 ~ **SISTERS IN CHRIST CIRCLE** will meet at 6:15 at the home of Martha Thompson (1403 Coachman Lane). All ladies are invited to join us.

February 11 ~ **SELAH CIRCLE** will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. Bring a finger food to share and join us for game night.

February 13 ~ **SWEETHEART BANQUET** at 6pm - Reservations will be required with a limited seating. Call the church office by Feb. 10.

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, FEBRUARY 7

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.
We **double-dare** you to miss the beginning of the Super Bowl
and come to small group!

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

YOUTH CHOIR...postponed until February 21!!!

We need more time!

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 21 in the choir room.** Please come check it out!

Haiti Team...full at 14!

14 people are now firmly committed to the team traveling to Haiti—August 7th through the 13th...other folks should sign up on the waiting list as possible replacements or additions.
See Eric Bronkala for more details.

HOAGIE SALE in Fellowship Hall

We'll have extras ready for you to purchase!!!
Enjoy a great sandwich with the Super Bowl, or for a quick Sunday lunch, and help our youth program by purchasing Super Bowl hoagies. The \$8.00 price includes a six-inch hoagie sandwich, pickles, potato chips & a chocolate chip cookie. About 70 hoagies have been pre-ordered, but last-minute customers are welcome! All orders may be picked up and paid for after the early and late services this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

Slingshot Worship at MPUMC

Don't forget about our youth and young adult worship experience called "Slingshot" - Sunday nights at 7:30 p.m. in room #52.

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries
ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net



**BRING YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO
THE CHURCH FOR RECYCLE THE
3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE FISH
PANTRY**

~DROP OFF IN FELLOWSHIP HALL~

KITCHEN NEEDS

We could use some new
tea towels.
dish towels.
pot holders
and
aprons.

Please bring in any donations for the kitchen
to the church office.

Monetary donations are welcome also.

THANKS!

YOUTH ADULT
MISSION
TRIP



REGISTRATION CONTINUES FOR OUR MPUMC YOUTH ADULT MISSION TEAM TO HAITI

Fourteen people have committed to be a part of our first recovery mission team to Haiti from August 7th through August 13th. Other interested young adults should continue to sign up as possible replacements or additions. Our trip may also include a day in the Dominican Republic, visiting a child we sponsor through Compassion International. This visit will be done with no additional costs passed on to our participants.

See Eric Bronkala for more details.

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



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



Thank you to our church family for the many prayers, cards, messages, and visits during the illness and death of my Mother, Sarah Beck who passed away on January 8th in Bristol, TN.

Your kindness and love will always be remembered.

With love,
Gary Beck and Family

Haiti Offering

Over the past two weeks, we have received over \$10,400 to aid the relief efforts in Haiti through the work being done by the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). When you give through UMCOR 100% of your gifts go directly to provide relief.

Thank you for your continued generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti!

February 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 father)
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
Ann Tate
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)
Bieman McKenzie (Nancy Beck's father)
Kathy Short (Heidi Seeders cousin)
Mary Jo Roseberry (Harriet Miller's aunt)

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.

The winter storm that arrived last Friday finally provided the children of Knoxville enough snow to actually sled. It also provided churches in Knoxville with difficult decisions to make about whether or not to cancel Sunday morning worship services.

I was not here in town to be a part of those decisions at our church because I was at Divine Rhythm, a weekend worship retreat held for young adults in Pigeon Forge. (Along with our own Justin Haynes, I serve on the worship committee for Divine Rhythm.) As we watched the snow come down Friday afternoon, we began to wonder if anyone would show up for the weekend or if we had spent countless hours over the past six months planning worship in vain. Amazingly, over 500 young adults braved the elements to make it to the event. I think their presence testified to the importance of worship in our lives.

While staying in Pigeon Forge, I got to talk to some of the other folks staying in the same hotel. I discovered that a lot of businesses paid for hotel rooms for their employees so the employees could be sure to be at work. One lady I spoke to said she was staying at the hotel so she could make it to her job at a restaurant. Another woman said she worked in a nearby pharmacy. Apparently, even when it snows people still need food and medicine.

The sacrifices that these businesses and employees made to keep the doors open during the icy weather caused me to think differently about the decisions churches faced regarding whether to cancel worship. If restaurant employees are willing to make sacrifices to keep the doors open because people still need food even when it is icy, should not churches make sacrifices to keep the doors open because people still need the spiritual nourishment of worship regardless of the condition of the roads? If pharmacies make sacrifices to be able to provide people with the medicine they need during a winter storm, should not churches make sacrifices to provide people the chance to encounter, Jesus Christ, the Great Physician and healer of our souls?

I think the decisions that churches made about canceling services were decided by two factors. First, did the leaders of the church believe their people were intelligent enough to stay home if they honestly could not make it safely? Just so you'll know, I tend to believe you are all more than that intelligent. Secondly, did the leaders of the church believe that worship is really as important to people as food and medicine? I believe it is. The first part of the first book of the Bible tells us that we have been created to spend one day a week worshipping and praising God. Apparently, from God's perspective, weekly worship is one of our most basic needs.

I am very proud to be a part of a church with a Senior Pastor like Eric Rieger and a Church Leadership Council Chairperson like Ralph Skinner who chose to keep our doors open so that we could offer worship to our community. For those who were able to make it to the services, I want to say that I admire your commitment. For those who could not make it, I hope in the future we will acquire the technology to broadcast our services on our website so that you can worship from home if the roads are impassable.

Next Sunday night, many of us will eat more than we should as we watch the Super Bowl. Some of you who are true Colts or Saints fans may need to be sure to take your blood pressure medicine before the game as well. Whether you are a football fan or not, I hope all of you will begin the day by joining us for morning worship to make sure that your soul as well as your body receives the food and medicine it needs.

Grace and Peace,

Wil

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Beth Long, Rachel Buchheit, Mo Melton (Sonny and Carol Melton's son), Clyde Finch, Wendell Huffstetler (Susan Berry's father), Diane DeFreece (Jim DeFreece's mother)

DEATHS: Ron Lee (Carol Russell's brother), Elijah Holt (Nolan Nevel's nephew)

**PASTOR ON CALL
February 5-6**

Wil Cantrell
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