



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

Upcoming Events & Activities...

This calendar does not include basketball practices or games.
See your coach for further details.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Youth Sunday School - 9:45
Traditional Worship - 8:30 & 11:00
Contemporary Worship - 8:45 & 11:00

4:30 - Youth Musical Rehearsal
5:30 - Snack Supper
6:00 - Youth Group
7:15 - Youth Bible Studies

8:00 to 8:30 - Open gym & youth rooms for youth group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH CONNECTION & YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

5:15 - Dinner line opens
6:15 - Youth Handbells & "The Gathering"
6:45 - Announcements & Prayer Time

7:00 - Youth Leadership Council & Group Time

7:00 to 8:30 - Open gym & game rooms for youth

CONFIRMATION IS COMING!!!

What is *Confirmation*?

Confirmation is a faith-building and faith-affirming experience for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders who would like an opportunity to discover and discuss key elements of their identity as Christians and members of Christ's church.

The Confirmation experience will begin with a special orientation for youth, parents, and mentors on

**Thursday evening, February 12 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Eric Bronkala in the church office (690-8641).

Sign up for 2009 Summer Mission Trips!

Smoky Mountains

July 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, & 18
Current 6th, 7th, & 8th graders may participate.
Total Cost - \$175.00

Bennett County, South Dakota

July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, & 19
Current 8th through 12th graders may participate.
Total Cost - \$500.00

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

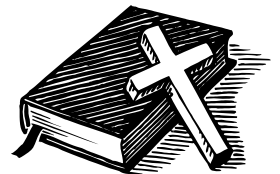
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Mission Team to Latvia Forming

A mission team from our church is departing from Latvia on Tuesday April 28. The team will be working with our missionaries Dan and Courtney Randall and our sister church Jelgava United Methodist Church. If you are interested in being part of the team, please plan to attend a meeting in the choir room on Sunday February 8 at 9:45AM in the choir room. If you cannot attend the meeting, call the church office (690-8641) and ask to speak with Associate Pastor Wil Cantrell.

SISTERS IN CHRIST CIRCLE

*We will meet on Tuesday,
February 10 at 6:15
at the home of
Martha Thompson,
1403 Coachman Lane.*



All ladies are welcome to join us!!

KEENAGERS

FEBRUARY 19 ~ 6:15pm
Fran Dotterwiech will share her trip to the Holy Land with us.
Call the church office for reservations.

CLERGY COLUMN

Several of the leaders of our witness team are now reading a book titled *The Externally Focused Church*. The premise of the book is that healthy churches are primarily focused on understanding the needs of their communities and acting in ways that are a blessings to those outside the church while unhealthy churches tend to spend more time focused on trying to satisfy the preferences of the members and squabbling over small details of daily church life. It should not surprise us that the healthy churches are more focused on others than themselves? Isn't it the case that the most spiritually mature individuals we know often seem more concerned about others than themselves?

When I think of what it means to be an externally focused church, I think of churches who reach out to intentionally bless their communities for no other reason than because the people in their community are loved by God. This is one of the reasons why I am so excited about the event our church is hosting on Saturday February 21 at 2pm titled *Surviving a Financial Crisis*.

The vision for this event was sparked by a lay person who simply made the observation that with so many people losing their jobs and struggling financially in our community there had to be something the church could do to help. The end result will be a three hour event that begins with worship aimed to inspire those who might be ready to give up and concludes with workshops that offer practical help.

"SURVIVING A FINANCIAL CRISIS"

If you were in worship last Sunday you received brochures for this event in your worship guides. You should also be receiving a brochure inside this edition of the Messenger. We know many people in our community have been hurt by the recession and we firmly believe that God has given us the vision for this event so that through us God might bless some of these people and families. However, we do not have the funds to mail a brochure to every household in our community. If you know people who might benefit from this event, please take a brochure to them. If you are a part of community groups where you would like to distribute a brochure for this event, please come by the church office and pick up as many brochures as you need.

As a church, we are trying to reach out to be a blessing to our community through meeting a real need. Please help us get the word out. Jesus tells us not to hide the light God has given us, but to let our light shine before others so that they may see us and give glory to God in heaven. Through the *Surviving a Financial Crisis* event we are seeking to do just that. Will you help us?

Grace and Peace,

Wil

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Johnny and Kathy Jones, Betty Crisp, Scott Bennett (Rob and Suzanne Thomas' brother-in-law), Tim and Kristen McKellips, Sally Evenden

DEATHS: Larry Crisp
Danny Cooper (Marie Cooper's nephew)
Juanita Lackner (Carolyn Lawhorn's mother)

PASTOR ON CALL

Wil Cantrell

Friday 2/6 ~
Sunday 2/8

Cell - 919-0647

LOOK TOWARD SUNDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Traditional and Contemporary Services

Sermon: I am the "true vine".

Scripture: John 15:1-8

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NOTICE ~~~

ALL ACTIVITIES TONIGHT ARE CANCELLED DUE TO SCHOOL CLOSINGS

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MILITARY FAMILY

Jonathan Hamilton - stationed in Iraq
 Jordan Leslie – grandson of Jen Webb
 Alan West – Barry Ballinger’s cousin
 Robert L. Kelly – grandson of Bill and Marie Cooper –
 stationed in Arizona
 Robert McCuiston – father of Jason McCuiston
 Major Reed Berry – Judy Berry’s son
 Christina Olsen – cousin of Nate Valukas
 Anna Evert – Suzanne Thomas’ cousin – stationed in Iraq
 Coleman Harrell, USAF – nephew of Sam and Diana Clark –
 stationed in Germany
 Chrissy Atchley – daughter of Randy and Leah Atchley
 Robert Haas – son of Don and Joyce Haas –
 stationed in Germany
 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
 Nicholas Bible – Samantha Frederick’s cousin –
 stationed in Iraq
 Troy Arquette – specialized training
 Matthew Gardner – Erin Green’s fiancée – USAir Force
 Andrew Cooper – Larry Cooper’s son – going to Iraq

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.

PRAYER FOR HEIDI



Heidi Hunt will be traveling to Nicaragua on a mission trip from February 28 – March 6. She will be going to local schools and screening the children for vision problems and providing them with the care that she is able to give. She is asking that her church family pray for her and the mission team as they prepare and travel to Nicaragua.



*Let everything
 that has
 breath praise
 the LORD.*

Psalm 150:6



Blanche Wright (Sabra Buchheit's mother)
 Carol Buchheit (John Buchheit's mother)
 Dolores Scarbrough (Judy Boyd's sister)
 Jamie Chamblee (Rick and Sally Lovin's nephew)
 Doris Ritchie (Don Moore's sister)
 Betty McGregor (Sally Evenden's aunt)
 Caryl (Sally Evenden's stepmother)
 Jackie Evenden (Sally Evenden's sister-in-law)
 Jayden Wise (Peggy Reed's nephew)
 Phil Moore and his son Dustin
 Jonathan Keas
 Bill Dabbs (Craig Turnbow's aunt)
 Marilyn Hinson (Craig Turnbow's aunt)
 George Kindred (Betty Turnbow's brother)
 Tiffany Dabbs (Betty Turnbow's cousin)
 Bobbie Wray
 Alice Moore
 Bobby Gordy (Dawn Galle's father)
 Dorothy Cole (Emily Guffey's mother)
 Jim O'Neal (Jean Rosenblum's father)
 Fred Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's father)
 David and Patricia Merrill (Daphnea Moses' sister and brother-in-law)
 Karen Posey (Mike Moses' niece)
 Daryll and Melissa Ray
 Bill Cooper
 John Ray (Shelia Cooper's father)
 Cindy Krebs
 Ryan Fliegner (Del York's great grandson)
 Catherine Cole (Bonnie Cole and Kathy Rinaca's mother)
 John Priode
 Clint and Betty Crisp
 Bobby Counts (Larry Katcham's cousin)
 Tim Allbee
 April Morgan Bartine
 Chuck McDonald (Ray McDonald's father)
 Danny Anthony (Ray McDonald's nephew)
 Chuck Samuel (Kay Samuel's brother)
 Peggy Wyrick

Tracey Ballinger
 Danny Mount (son of John and Kathy Mount)
 John T. Mount (John Mount's father)
 Mike Mefford (Linda Mefford's brother)
 Danny Mefford (Linda Mefford's uncle)
 Monica (Betty Earl's grandniece)
 Mary Sallstrom (family of Diana Clark)
 Karen Giles
 Margaret Wilson (Marcia McGregor's grandmother)
 Nickie Morgantine (Judy Berry's nephew)
 Karen Dennis (Ann Rockwell's niece)
 Bob and Pat Jackson (Becky Gompf's aunt and uncle)
 Georgia Bird (Jim Bird's step-mother)
 Carolyn Gass
 Fred Miles (Josh Walker's step-dad)
 Bill Swaggerty Jr.

FEBRUARY
Ongoing
Prayer List

Paul Ellis (Wendy Evon's father)
 Darlene Demaree (Loren Demaree's mother)
 Janis Lanternier
 Hope McGee
 Dot Hyke
 Carol Melton
 Charlie Dunn (Greg Dunn's father)
 Jay Niblick

Jon Seeders (Rick Seeders brother)
 Jess Lockyar (Rosemary Lockyer's brother)
 Steve Hinkle (Helen Walkers son)
 Chris Emmett
 Barbara Valukas (Nate Valukas' aunt)
 Scott Bennett (Rob and Suzanne Thomas' brother-in-law)

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