



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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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 17. On that day, we will once again offer Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 AM, 12:00 noon and 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. These services last about thirty minutes, with the first two a little shorter and the last one a little longer because of crowd size. Everyone is invited to participate in the service.

FAT TUESDAY ON WEDNESDAY

A dinner of breakfast foods will be served at 5:15-6:15 in the Family Life Center before the evening Ash Wednesday service. Reservations are required for dinner.

Call the church office by Monday, Feb. 15.

\$6.00 adult, \$3.00 child/youth. Family max \$22.00.

SWEETHEART BANQUET

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - 6PM

call church office for reservation

FEBRUARY 10, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 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)
- 2:00 Stephen Ministry (Room 40)
- 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 15

- 7:00 SPR Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 ~

ASH WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 12:00 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 5:15 FAT TUESDAY on WEDNESDAY DINNER
- 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)
- 6:30 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE (Sanctuary)
- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 Chancel Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Sunday School— 273 Worship—546

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

February 7, 2010

BUDGET	\$27,533.61
PAVING THE WAY	\$3,817.17
MEMORIALS- Nathan Bridges	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$485.00
Holston Home for Children	\$688.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$1,608.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$34,131.98



- February 18** Harry Dunn, Sarah Brengle
- February 19** Pam Scollard, Hayden Shepherd
- February 20** Matt Dozier, Kristie Bumpus, Randy Atkins, Patty Dunlap, Fred Sliger, Sara Cullison, Marcia McGregor
- February 23** Carl McGinn
- February 26** Bobbie Wray, Nick Skoda
- February 28** Mike Line, Zach Roskop

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



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Breakfast will be served by
the YOUTH.**

Please join us.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Youth prepare breakfast @ 8:30am

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 - February 21

Just show up and check it out!

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.

We will begin with a **special meeting from 4:30 to 5:30 on Sunday, February 21 in the choir room.**

THANK YOU to those who supported our Super Bowl hoagie sale! We sold 90 hoagies and raised about \$500.00 for our youth ministry program.

Rally To Benefit Haiti Ministry!

We will be having an awesome rally-type event at our church on Saturday, May 8 to raise awareness, funds, and build enthusiasm for our first Haiti mission team and ongoing ministry.

Nationally-known personalities - Casey Darnell (music) and Justin Lookadoo (speaker) will lead the event.

Casey Darnell has led the music at our conference college event the past two years, while Justin Lookadoo has been the featured speaker at Resurrection 2009 & 2010.

Here are a few more details:

"A Heart for Haiti" - Rallying together to make a difference!

Saturday, May 8 - Middlebrook Pike UMC, Knoxville, TN

Pre-ordered tickets \$12.00 includes "A Heart for Haiti" bracelet

Tickets at door \$15.00

Tickets are limited, so please order as soon as possible!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. (general admission - come early!)

concessions, meet the speaker and music leader, merchandise, etc. 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - music, videos to show the current situation in Haiti, introduction and commissioning of young adult mission team, message, and more music!

8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - For those who want to stick around, everything remains open for fellowship, food, and interaction with Justin Lookadoo and Casey Darnell.

For more information, please contact Eric Bronkala.

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net

CareNotes Distribution Tops 1,000

The CareNotes program, which is a faith-based series of booklets addressing good health through discussion of topics dealing with the mind, body, and spirit, reached a milestone in January.

Over 1,000 CareNotes booklets have been picked-up from the six display racks throughout the church facility since the program was introduced in November of 2008.

You are encouraged to review the 78 different titles, available in permanent locations in the Narthex, near the Information Center in the lower level 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.

CareNotes for children are available from Ann Cover.



It is our wish to thank the many of our church friends for their kindness, love and sympathy expressed in so many ways at the loss of Margie's brother, Nathan Bridge's.

It is somethin that helps and keeps us close to Christ forever.

Margie and Neil Oliver

FEBRUARY

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.

February 17 ~ **Ash Wednesday** - see article on front page

February 17 ~ **WILLING WORKERS CIRCLE** will meet at 10:30 for a meeting and pot luck lunch. Meet in room 30. Everyone welcome!

February 18 ~ **KEENAGERS**—dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

The program this month~~
Jane Wauford will play the piano -
“Sentimental Journey with a bang to it!”

Call Jackie Purvis to make your reservation.

February 21 ~ **IMPACTING MINISTRY 2010**—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.



Coming soon... CEP's Spring Clothing Sale

The CEP Spring Clothing Sale will be
Monday, March 1st from 6 - 8 pm
and
Tuesday, March 2nd from 9:30 am - noon.



Please call the CEP office (531-8589) on Tues. or Thurs. for more info.

Small Group Study

A 10—Week Study Beginning Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 6: 30 p.m.

The Good and Beautiful God

“God wants me to try harder.” “God blesses me when I’m good and punishes me when I’m bad.”
“God is angry with me.”

We all have ideas we tell ourselves about God and how he works in our lives. Some are true—but many are false. James Bryan Smith (author) believes those thoughts determine not only who we are, but how we live. In the pages of this book you are invited to put your ideas to the test to see if they match up with what Jesus himself reveals about God. Once you’ve discovered the truth in Scripture, you can engage in a process of spiritual formation that includes specific activities aimed at making these new narratives real in your body and soul as well as your mind.

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please drop in offering plate or return to church office by Monday, February 22.)

_____ (Name)

_____ (Phone)

_____ (email)

_____ # of copies of The Good and Beautiful God @ \$16.00 each

Or you may email Pastor Rieger: rieger@middlebrookpike.com

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

The Easter Egg

The empty Easter eggs will be in the baskets in the Narthex and Family Life Center beginning February 21, the first Sunday in Lent. Please take one (or two) and fill with coins, dollars, checks, or all. Return your Easter eggs by Easter, April 4. There will be baskets in the Narthex and Family Life Center. The money collected will be given to Change for Children. Each year, churches give loose change to benefit children's ministries in Holston Conference and in Africa. And each year, several groups receive that pocket change in the form of grants. Change for Children grants support new and existing ministries with economically disadvantaged children, from birth to age 12, and their families. Holston churches and related United Methodist agencies are eligible for these funds.

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.

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

Our Bishop, James E. Swanson, Sr. sent this letter to our church last week. He asked that I share it with you. I do so with great pleasure:

In these economically challenging times we are living through, I want to thank you personally for faithfully responding to the 2009 ministry and missional needs of your United Methodist Church by paying 100% of the funds apportioned to your local church. The money given by your church has extended the touch of Jesus into the lives of many. I lift up to you just a few of many ministry opportunities in 2009 that happened because of your generous hearts.

You helped 3026 children and youth to attend a Holston Conference Camp this past summer where 305 or 10% made first time professions of faith and 847 (another 28%) expressed a rededication of their faith.

You helped provide six grants to local churches to begin or enhance young adult ministries through their church and provided four grants to assist young adults to participate in mission experiences.

You helped the W.S. Hight Penal After-Care Empowerment (PACE) Agency assist clients (primarily women) as they are released from jail to reestablish their lives in the community and find meaningful employment so that they can support themselves and their children.

You sponsored an event that helped equip laity and pastors of 100 of our smaller membership churches to Offer Christ and Make Disciples in their communities.

You helped congregations that needed help in paying their pastors' salaries through the Equitable

Compensation Fund. Need I say how grateful the pastors and their families are?

You helped launch new churches for new people and helped to call many to reconnect with Christ. Many of these people are first-time confessions of faith. You helped over 700 men experience the joy of being a man whose life is dedicated to Christ and for some as one participant declared, "You have reestablished my faith in Christ and the Church."

My sisters and brothers, we have thousands of stories of many lives being changed, rescued, delivered and set free to serve Christ. I wish I could relate them all, but I hope this gives you some idea of the difference your dollars make. On behalf of the new persons in Christ, children and youth filled with great memories, men who aren't ashamed to claim Christ, women that now walk in freedom and dignity, pastors and families whose needs are being met, and church members who are Offering Christ, I thank you.

Yours in Christ,

James E. Swanson, Sr.

"Way to go, Middlebrook Pike! God is so good!"

Pastor Eric

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Chuck Cerny, Beth Long, Rachel Buchheit, Mo Melton (Sonny and Carol Melton's son)

**PASTOR ON CALL
February 12-13**

Eric Rieger
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