



## IMPACTING MINISTRY 2010

**February 21—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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## GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book and Directory for the church. This book helps us all to know more about our church. The who, what, when, why and how of our church. The book is being provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and want to find out how to advertise in the book, please call the church office at 690-8641. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book and Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. It “does pay” to advertise in our Guide Book and Directory.

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**If you have any changes to your address, phone or e-mail, please make sure the church office is aware of them for the directory.**

**e-mail [duglow@middlebrookpike.com](mailto:duglow@middlebrookpike.com)**

**FEBRUARY 17, 2010**

**The Messenger**

# On Campus Events

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 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)
- 12:00 District Impacting Ministries
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
- 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 22

- 7:00 SPR Meeting (LCR)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 5:15 Youth Handbell Choir
- 6:00 Beth Moore Study (LCR)
- 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 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Knox Porcelain Artists (Room 31)
- 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.)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:00 FISH

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Sunday School— 253      Worship—491

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

February 14, 2010

<b>BUDGET</b>	\$20,030.93
<b>PAVING THE WAY</b>	\$7,216.91
<b>MEMORIALS- Ford Turnbow</b>	
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS:</b>	
<b>FISH</b>	\$44.00
<b>Holston Home for Children</b>	\$215.00
<b>DESIGNATED OFFERINGS</b>	\$1,630.18
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$29,137.02



- March 1** Cathy Bryant, Jenny Austin, Jean Rosenblum, Marty Clay
- March 2** Dale Murphy
- March 3** Bronson Pennington
- March 4** Allie Kington, Wes Mowery
- March 5** Laura Lutz, Doug Collins
- March 6** Corey Turnbow, Nick Vantrease

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



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**Breakfast will be served by  
the BOY SCOUTS**

**Please join us.**



# MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

**YOUTH CHOIR - 4:30 p.m. - choir room**

**"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 begins Sunday!

**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 this Sunday, February 21 in the choir room.**

**In next week's newsletter - Info on summer mission trips to Florida & Alabama!**

## LOOKING AHEAD...

### Confirmation Retreat to Lake Junaluska February 27 & 28

Participants will leave MPUMC by 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and return by 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. Please keep all participants in your prayers!

### Rally To Benefit Haiti Ministry!

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

## WOMEN'S



The Mary Rayfield UMW Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 9 at The Olive Garden on Kingston Pike at 6:30 pm. This is the annual "Family and Friends" meeting. Members are encouraged to bring spouses, children, "special others" and friends to this fun meeting! Visitors and those interested in joining a UMW circle are very welcome!

The Mary Rayfield Circle of UMW will be serving breakfast on Sunday, March 28--

Join US!!!!

NOW Circle will meet on Thursday,  
February 25 at 7pm at the home  
of Angie Kelly,  
1219 Hamstead Court.

We will be playing Bunco.

Bring a finger food to share.  
All women of the church are invited to  
attend.

For more information, please contact  
Amy Gibson, 584-6996  
or  
Angie Kelly, 691-2196



# NEW Member Class

Sunday, February 28  
4-6pm

We will meet in the Large Conference Room.

Please call the church office for more information (690-8641)

The refrigerator and freezer in  
the kitchen will be cleaned out  
of out-dated items on  
February 24.

Please make sure you check for  
anything that may belong to you.



BRING YOUR CANS ON FEBRUARY 21  
FOR RECYCLE TO THE FELLOWSHIP  
HALL  
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO FISH



## 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: [erieger@middlebrookpike.com](mailto:erieger@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](mailto:acover@middlebrookpike.com)

Everyone is familiar with “lint”. Not everyone knows about “Lent”.

“Lint” is made up of small particles of dust, dirt, and clothe. We use lint brushes to get lint off our clothes so that our clothes will look clean and attractive.

“Lent” is the season of the church year before Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday which is 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. Lent is a season of prayer and fasting that helps us remember the meaning of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross.

Just as we use lint brushes to clean our clothes, God uses “Lent” to clean our souls. In Lent, we ask God to help us take a good look at the state of our souls. We recognize that our souls are not unlike the souls of the people who crucified Christ. They were ordinary people concerned with ordinary things just like us. So that we do not reject Christ’s desire for our lives just as they rejected him long ago, we take time in prayer during Lent to ask God to show us where our souls have become dirty and stained from selfishness, hate, lust, lies, and all the other sins that accumulate in our lives.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday as we gather for worship and have the sign of the cross marked on our foreheads with ashes. As the ashes are placed on our foreheads, we hear the words, “You are dust and to dust you will return. Repent and believe the gospel.” These words put us in our place. We are not going to live forever. Our brief earthly lives are gifts from God that we did nothing to deserve. Any chance we have of experiencing eternal life is also a gift from God. Our chances of receiving eternal life depend on God’s grace and our willingness to turn away from the sins that stain our souls in order to allow God to cleanse us with His forgiveness and make us new.

As we journey through Lent, not only do we seek to spend extra time in prayer, we also fast. Some people fast from

food by choosing certain days during Lent when they only drink water or juice. Others choose to fast from something else, like television or candy. Fasting helps us listen to God by removing something that might otherwise distract us.

I’d like to ask you to take time to consider what you will fast from or give up during Lent. Maybe you want to give up food on a certain day of the week or to give up a certain type of food for the entire season of Lent. Perhaps you are being called to give up television or casually surfing the internet in order to spend the extra time in prayer. It could be that you are being called to give up occasionally sleeping in on Sundays and instead you are being called to make an intentional effort to be in worship every Sunday from now till Easter. This year I’ll be giving up 15 extra minutes of sleep each day in order to get up early enough to have time to write a prayer journal entry as part of my daily devotional time. Whatever you give up make sure it is something that allows you to pay more attention to God and not just something that you want to see if you can go without for 40 days.

During our Sunday worship services throughout Lent, Eric Rieger, our Senior Pastor, and I will be preaching about the last days of Jesus’ life as recorded in the Gospel of Mark. Our sermon series is called *The Way of the Cross*. My prayer for you and for me is that God will use this Lent to cleanse our souls and to give us the power to follow Jesus’ way: the way that leads to cross and to life that is both abundant and eternal.

Grace and Peace,

*Wil*

*Recent requests for prayer from our church family...*

**CONCERNS:** Janice Campbell, Mary Tucker, Willa Long, Kristi Davis, Monnie Riddle (Greg Alldredge’s mother), Beth Long, Rachel Buchheit

**PASTOR ON CALL**  
February 19-20

Wil Cantrell  
cell—919-0647

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY**

February 21  
1st Sunday in Lent  
*DIRT ON HIS KNEES*  
Mark 14:32-38

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

