



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

March 28

3:00 PM – 5:30 PM

108 Golf Club Road
(home of Rick and Gracie Murphree)
Music, Magic, Fun, Food, Fellowship,
and Easter Eggs!

Bring 1 dozen/child filled Easter eggs to the church by March 24
(Fellowship Hall)



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Everyone is invited to join us!!

Prayer for the Appointment Making Process



In this time of year, the United Methodist churches of the Holston Conference, and their pastors face the prospect of change for the upcoming appointment year. With change comes disruption of the familiar, opening the door for new experiences, ranging from the unsettling to the renewing. We invite your prayers for our pastors and their families who may be facing a new appointment and our circuits who may be facing a new alignment.

Please be in prayer for our Bishop James E. Swanson Sr. and the Cabinet in their deliberations on the appointments.

- *Pray for the churches and their Pastor-Parish Relations Committees as they share their needs for leadership.*
- *Pray for those parsonage families who may experience uprooting.*
- *Pray for the Holy Spirit to be leading in the choices and designs being made to meet the need for ministry in our churches.*
- *Pray that the conversations and decisions will strengthen each congregation for fruitful ministry.*

Appointment week begins March 7th.

Your prayers will help in preparation and in receiving the Spirit's direction.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

March 21 4-6pm

call the church office for more information and
childcare

MARCH 10, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 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 Stephens Ministry (Room 40)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:00 Girls Basketball
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 4:30 Brass Voices
- 5:30 Revelation Choir
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:00 Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 "GiG" Youth Small Groups
- 7:45 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 15

- 7:00 SPR Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful
- 6:30 Music Reading Class
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)
- 7:00 Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 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)

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

- 6:00 Parents Night Out

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)

*This Sunday, March 14th
Daylight Savings Time
begins!*

*Be sure to turn your clocks
ahead on Saturday night!*



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MARCH 7, 2010

Sunday School— 275 Worship— 535

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

March 7, 2010

BUDGET	\$28,229.70
PAVING THE WAY	\$3100.00
MEMORIALS	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$414.35
Chile Relief	\$350.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$1,914.19
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$34,008.24



March 22 Willa Long, Alex Voss, David Trexler

March 23 Mindy Savage, Gerry Ferry, Carl Tidwell

March 24 Tyler Niemann

March 25 Alexander Robinson, Patrick Daniels

March 27 Michael Watt

March 28 Caroline Neal, GB Humphreys,
Matthew Daniels, Chad Curtis

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 14

**Breakfast will be served by
the YOUTH**

Please join us.



*We will be selling the candy eggs on
Sunday, March 21st and
Sunday, March 28th
in the Fellowship Hall.
We are making a limited number, so buy
your eggs early.*

*Proceeds will go to support 2010 UMW local, national and
global missions.*

Willing Workers circle meets,
Wednesday, March 17th at 10:30 in room
30. Join us for Bible study and a pot luck lunch.



Fellowship

KEENAGERS will meet on Thursday, March
18th at 6:30 for a program and dinner. Please
call Jackie Purvis to make your reservation.

Dear MPUMC Family,

*Words cannot express
how grateful we are to
all of you for your
prayers, cards, and
words of encourage-
ment during Kristi's
recent illness.*



*We are truly blessed to have such a caring
church family. We would like to express a
special word of thanks to Ann Cover, New
Beginnings Sunday School Class, and Selah
Circle for the meals, gift cards, and help
with moving.*

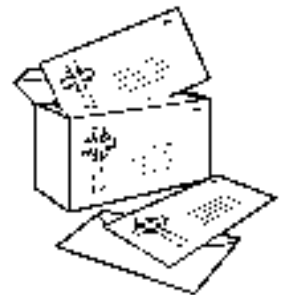
Thank you all so very much!

*Love,
Chris, Kristi, Reid and Holly Davis*

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected
this Sunday, March 14th.

This offering covers all administrative costs for UMCOR so that
100% of all other donations may go directly for relief.

Please give generously.





MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Sunday, March 14

Youth prepare church-wide breakfast. Participants should meet in the kitchen at 8:30 a.m.

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship

9:45 – Youth Sunday School

4:30 – Youth Choir

5:30 – “Fish Food” Snack Supper

6:00 – Special Event: “CAVEMAN NIGHT” –

Theme: *The link between God and man.*

Come play games and have fun as we look at the relationship between man, Jesus, and God.

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

Wednesday, March 17

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group Prayer, Announcements, & Discussion of Good Friday Service.

7:15 – Youth Leadership Council

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

Saturday, March 20

2010 Confirmation Class Meeting – 8:30 a.m. to noon – youth rooms. *Confirmands should try to complete either their service or worship experience projects before our meeting.*

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

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Sunday, March 21

8:30, 8:45, & 11:00 - Worship

9:45 – Youth Sunday School

4:30 – Youth Choir

5:30 – “Fish Food” Snack Supper

6:00 – Special Event:

“OLYMPIC SPORTS SPECTACULAR” –

Theme: *Training for life – 1 Tim. 4:7-8*

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

Wednesday, March 24

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group Prayer, Announcements, & **Rehearsal** of Good Friday Service.

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

Would you like to participate in our Good Friday Service – 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 2? See Eric to sign up.

Creation Cares **GO GREEN** Tips

Spring is nearly here! As you clean house, please remember to recycle. The following locations take Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Glass bottles, Mixed Paper, Plastics, and Steel Cans: Broadway Kroger, Fountain City Kroger, Western Avenue Kroger, Bearden Kroger, Cedar Bluff, Bearden Food City, Alcoa Highway Food City, as well as locations Downtown, East Knoxville, and Vestal.

For more information check out knoxvillerecycles.org

Easter lilies can be ordered starting this Sunday. You can put a lily on the altar in Honor of or in Memory of a loved one.



The lilies are \$11 each.

Fill out the order form that you will find in the Sunday Worship guide and put it in the offering plate with your check.

Shannondale Visitation Ministry Announced

The church is organizing a new program of service to the community, the Shannondale Visitation Ministry. This will be a group of volunteers to visit residents at both Shannondale Assisted Living Center and the Health Care Center. The Assisted Living Center has 42 units with many patients who are mobile and active. At the 200-bed Health Care facility, patients are more restricted, some confined to bed. There is a need for volunteers for weekday, evening, and weekend visitation.

Church representatives may lead or be involved in many opportunities, such as take residents for a walk/wheelchair ride; read the Bible or daily newspaper; distribute magazines/books; sort, deliver and read mail to residents; play a record, tape or CD; provide instrumental talent; help with parties/provide refreshments; one-on-one visitation, and many more interesting and fun activities.

A group of volunteers may organize and lead one or more activity. Most important, we can HOLD A HAND/GIVE A HUG, AND PRAY.

If you would like to volunteer or simply find out more about the Shannondale Visitation Ministry, contact Roger Derby at (865) 964-1200 or rogderby@knology.net. After we have an interested group, we will hold an orientation meeting and provide more information.

Everyday on my way to work I pass many billboards between Watt Rd and Lovell Rd exits, however there is one that stands out far above the rest! It says, "Show love one to another" and underneath the statement it says, "-God". I have always made it a point to read that sign everyday to remind myself this is one of the things God calls us to do plus I pray for the strength to show love to others. Traveling to work over the last two weeks, as I have read and thought about this statement, I think of you, our friends at Middlebrook Pike. It reminds me of all the hugs, prayers, love and support that you have shown to Ralph and myself in the last few weeks. We have been blessed in many ways and continue to be blessed in many ways by your support. As I get ready for surgery this week, I wanted to take the time to thank each of you for those hugs and prayers. God and his people are the wind underneath our wings.

Love, Susie

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- March 19- Parent's Night Out (Middlebrook Pike UMC)
- March 28 - Easter Egg Hunt (Rick and Gracie Murphree's home)
- April 11 - New Rotation (Ruth)
- May 9 - Eric Bronkala teaches 5th graders.
- May 16 - New Rotation (Miracles)
- May 21 - Parents Night Out
- June 7 - June 11- Vacation Bible School
- June 13 - Eric teaches 5th graders.
- June 27 - Summer Rotation begins
- July 16 - Parents Night Out
- July 25 - Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6th graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
- August 22 - Bible presented to rising 3rd graders. Information will follow.

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.

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.

People are “hungry” for God. Will anyone offer them “the Bread from heaven”? Our Bishop, James Swanson, issues a challenge to us in the latest issue of *The Call*. His column inspires me as I hope it does you. It is reprinted here in its entirety.—*Pastor Eric*

Easter is time for new life and new possibilities. I pray you will experience the resurrection power of Jesus throughout this Easter season and especially on Easter Sunday.

But have you thought about the fact that many persons in your communities—your own friends, co-workers, fellow students, neighbors, and yes, the strangers, too—will not share in the joy of Easter?

I hope that bothers you. I hope it troubles you enough to stir up a spirit for offering Christ to new people. I hope it fires up preachers and laity alike!

Consider this passage from the book, “How Great a Flame! Contemporary Lessons from the Wesleyan Revival,” by James C. Logan. He writes:

In that same 1744 conference Wesley addressed the matter of what to preach, and as was typical of Wesley, he ordered it very systematically:

Q. *What is the best general method of preaching?*

A. *To invite, (2) To convince, (3) To offer Christ, (4) To build up and do this (in some measure) in every sermon.*

Wesley always preached while expecting a response from his listeners, whether they heard him preach in grand cathedrals or in open fields. He expected the same from preachers under his leadership. Yet, Logan goes on to write:

Preaching, as important as it was, did not suffice for a comprehensive ministry of evangelism. Experience convinced

Wesley that awakening souls without providing follow-up guidance, nurture, and discipline was playing into the hands of the devil! Thus his standard reply to reports from his preachers about initial responses of conversion was, “Follow the blow! Never encourage the devil by snatching souls from him that you cannot nurture.”

We must heed the words of John Wesley by inviting people to Christ and creating space and places where they can be built up in Christ.

Can you deny your comfortable routines so that you may offer Christ to new people? Are you and fellow church members really doing all you can to be invitational to the people within your circle of influence who don’t know Christ?

When was the last time you prayed for someone other than yourself? Does your congregation make people on the outside believe—through your attitudes, conversations, and deeds—that you really want new people to come into your buildings and in your presence?

Here’s one last question for you: Do you hold yourself responsible for the lack of growth in your church? On Feb. 23, Holston Conference launched a bold venture to baptize 3,000 persons in our 904 congregations on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. Will your church participate in this venture?

If Resurrection means anything to us—if you are grateful that Jesus triumphed over the grave and now lives to befriend you and empower your life—then you should begin singing Easter hymns like “He Lives” right now.

Sing and live like Resurrection people.

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Beth Kerley (Elaine Ruth’s sister), Monnie Riddle (Greg Alldredge’s mother), Barton Chapman (Kent Milsaps’ uncle), Lois Robinson (Matt Robinson’s grandmother), Amanda Gompf, June Nielsen

DEATHS: Karen Schmittou (Lisa Jarrell’s sister)

PASTOR ON CALL

March 12-13

Eric Rieger
cell- 964-0030

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

March 14
4th Sunday in Lent
Humility Heals
Mark 14: 66-72

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