



NEW MEMBER CLASS

March 21 4-6pm

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MARCH 17, 2010

The Messenger

March 28 ~ Palm Sunday Worship Services

April 1 ~ Maundy Thursday ~ 7pm in the Sanctuary
Choir Cantata with Holy Communion
"Lift High the Cross"

April 2 ~ Good Friday Service ~ 7pm in the Family Life
Center, led by our youth

April 4 ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~ Sunrise Service ~ 7am
led by the Haiti Mission Team
Breakfast will be served.

8:45 and 11am ~ Contemporary Services

8:30 and 11am ~ Traditional Services

A service of Holy Communion will be offered after the
11:00 services in the Sanctuary.

Please bring flowers from your yard to decorate the cross
on the front lawn of the church on Easter Sunday!!

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MARCH 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)
- 2:00 Stephens Ministry (Room 40)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:00 Girls Basketball
- 4:00 New Member Class (LCR)
- 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

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful
- 11:00 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 30)
- 6:30 Music Reading Class
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)
- 6:30 Prayer Shawl Group (Room 40)
- 7:00 Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

- 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 25

- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful (FLC)
- 10:00 Knox Porcelain Artists (Room 31)
- 5:00 CWS Praise Team
- 5:15 Youth Handbells
- 5:30 Stewardship Planning Committee
- 6:00 Disciple III (LCR)
- 6:00 Restoration House (Room 27)
- 6:00 STEPS Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 6:30 FISH Board Meeting (Room 40)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 NOW Circle (FH)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

- 9:00 FISH

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

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

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MARCH 14, 2010

Sunday School— 245 Worship— 433

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

March 14, 2010

BUDGET	\$14,031.78
PAVING THE WAY	\$2,882.00
MEMORIALS	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$140.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$1,169.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$1,008.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$19,231.01



March 29 Jeanie Rice, Betty Akers, Mike McGregor, Damon Giannattasio

March 30 Eddie Reymond, Kayla Harding, Marge Ridner

March 31 Meggan Berry, Rose Spire

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 21



Breakfast will be served by the Experiencing God Class

French Toast Breakfast
accompanied by bacon, fruit, juice, and milk

Donations will go to our **Care and Share Program.**

**Please bring in your cans for recycle
on Sunday, March 21
(fellowship hall)**



Last month we collected 79 lbs of crushed cans which profited \$39.40 for the FISH program.

This amount of money could purchase 48 lbs of rice AND 4 cases of peanut butter (12/18oz. jars each case).

Next recycle collection date will be May, 18.

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.



*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.*

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



Everyone is invited to join us!!



Easter Treats
for Wesley
House

NOW Circle will meet at 7 pm Thursday,
March 25 (MPUMC-Fellowship Hall)

We will be preparing the Easter bags for the
children at Wesley House.

Please bring treats for 45 children.

For more information, please call Amy Gibson at
712-0611.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

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.

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: “**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
READING & SIGN-UPS**”

Please make every effort to attend this explanation of Good Friday and reading of our Good Friday script.

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

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5:15 – Youth Handbells

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

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

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6:00 – Special Event: “**OLYMPIC SPORTS SPECTACULAR**” – Theme: *Training for life – 1 Tim. 4:7-8*

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups – Eric may meet with some Good Friday participants for extra rehearsal.

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5:15 – Youth Handbells

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

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Friday, April 2

No “**Breakfast of Champions**” due to holiday – rescheduled for April 9.

3:30 – individual music & tech rehearsal for Good Friday Service

4:30 – all participants including Youth Handbell Ensemble

6:00 – dinner break (bring a sack dinner – drinks provided)

7:45 – Good Friday Service

No **evening** youth activities or Slingshot Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 4!

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

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BLOOD DRIVE

will be held on

April 17—

Mark your calendars and plan to give.

More details will follow at a later date.

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.

It's been said that "life is the art of compromise". There is a lot of truth to that saying. If you do not know how to compromise you won't have many friends, you'll never have a healthy marriage, you probably won't be very productive in your line of work, and I seriously doubt you will be very happy. Compromise is so important that parents begin teaching it to their children in the very earliest stages of life. Of course, parents do not call it "compromise". They call it "sharing".

On the other hand, though learning to compromise is one of the most important life skills, we also have to learn when not to compromise. We have to learn what things in life are worth standing up for and not compromising. We have to learn what values and principles should never be compromised.

As we have been studying together the last day of Jesus' life from the Gospel of Mark in our worship services throughout Lent, I've become intrigued by the role that compromise played in Jesus' life. In some instances, Jesus was more than willing to compromise especially when it came to religious traditions. He taught that it was okay to work on the Sabbath in emergency situations, though he also taught that the Sabbath should be kept whenever possible. He compromised liberally when it came to the purity laws. He didn't always wash his hands correctly before he ate. And he talked with people and touched people who were considered outcasts and "unclean".

In other instances, Jesus refused to compromise at any cost. He refused to stop associating with outcasts even though it infuriated the religious authorities. He refused to use violence to protect himself. And he refused to deny his true identity as the "Messiah, the Son of God", when by doing so he could have avoided crucifixion.

Jesus was willing to compromise local customs and

traditions in order to fulfill his mission. Yet he was entirely unwilling to compromise when compromise would mean compromising his integrity or his identity.

As I continue to read and pray about Christ's journey to the cross, I find myself praying that God would help me to learn when to compromise and when to stand firm. I'm convinced I have a lot of learning to do. I don't know if you are like me, but I find myself taking strong stands for ideas and schemes that are not really that important in the big picture. In other cases, I find myself willing to compromise and act in ways that are not congruent with my beliefs and values in order to please others and avoid conflict. I often refuse to compromise on my ideas which I should compromise on and I choose to compromise my identity which should never be compromised.

Usually, when I have made a bad compromise or failed to make a good compromise, it is only in hindsight that I realize what I have done. These realizations teach me that I need to know myself better so that when I am in the moment I can live in a manner that is authentic and honest. Can any of you relate to this struggle?

Thankfully, I know of no better place to learn who I am than by looking into the face of Christ during his passion. There in his face as he faces the cross, I clearly see that I am a beloved child of God. I am someone for whom God was willing to die. I am someone who sins and stands in constant need of grace. I am someone to whom God extends forgiveness. I am someone created to love even if loving means sacrifice.

I pray you will do all in your power to be present in worship during the next three weeks and to spend daily personal time in prayer, so that we might all look into the eyes of the Savior and find out who we really are.

Grace and Peace, *Wil*

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Susie Skinner, June Nielsen, Al Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's brother), Joe Orr (Jessie Gouge's brother)

DEATHS: Carol Buchheit (John Buchheit's mother), Robert Bronkala (Eric Bronkala's father), Joyce Haun (Greg Haun's mother), Karen Schmittou (Lisa Jarrell's sister)

PASTOR ON CALL
March 19-20

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PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

March 21
5th Sunday in Lent
Silence Speaks
Mark 15: 1-5

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