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MARCH 31, 2010

The Messenger

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!!

PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY ~~

If you are able, please park in the far back parking lot to leave
the front spaces for our visitors.

Thank you.



On Campus Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 4 ~ HAPPY EASTER

- 7:00 Sunrise Service
- 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)

MONDAY, APRIL 5

- 7:00 Trustees Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

- 6:00 Youth Group
- 6:15 Angel Choir (Room 26)
- 6:15 Cherub choir (Room 21)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)

NO ADULT CHOIRS TONIGHT

- 6:45 "Ignition" Youth Fellowship
- 7:00 Children's Handbell Choir
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 30)
- 7:45 Youth Games

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 7:00 AED Training (FH)



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

MARCH 28, 2010

Sunday School—273 Worship—541

No financials this week ~

Charlotte is on vacation.

Happy Birthday!

- April 7** Wayne Sims
- April 8** Laurel Hokaj
- April 9** Brandon Wyrick, Janice Campbell,
Nancy Beck
- April 10** Katie Davis
- April 11** Sarah McGregor, Kenny Marsh,
Amanda Gompf
- April 12** Melinda Sturgeon, Elsie Nulton, Nancy Booth,
Tim Patterson
- April 13** Chuck Cerny, Ethan McMurray
- April 16** Peggy Wyrick, Ethan Rosenblum
- April 17** Kristi Davis
- April 18** Celeste White, Marcy Miller

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 4



**Breakfast will be served
after the Sunrise service by
the Youth**

please join us!

April 6 ~ First Tuesday Lunch Bunch will meet at the Red Lobster at 1 pm.
Call Joyce Haas to make your reservation.

April 6 ~ Mothers' Support Group will meet at Puleo's in Deane Hill Shopping Center at 11:30. Please make reservations to ritatate@tds.net or call 966-5151. All mothers of all ages are welcome.

April 8 ~ Sisters In Christ Circle will meet at 6:15 pm at the home of Shelia McKenry—705 Chateaugay Rd. All ladies are invited to join us.



Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- 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.

*PLEASE COME TO OUR
"A HEART FOR HAITI"
RALLY AT MPUMC!*

We need everyone's support! Our young adult mission team is having a rally to benefit our Haiti ministry on Saturday, May 8. Nationally-known speakers and worship leaders - Justin Lookadoo, Roger Williams, and Casey Darnell will be leading the event. There will be music, a message, commissioning of our first Haiti mission team, concessions, merchandise tables, etc. The entire event will last from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., but the artists will be available for an hour before and after the event. Please come and join us!

*We have invested a lot into this event and would benefit greatly from pre-ordered tickets...please, please, please.
Here's how to do it:*

Send a check made out to "MPUMC Haiti Ministry" for a total of \$12.00 dollars per ticket to the following address:

*Middlebrook Pike UMC
7234 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN 37909
Attn: Haiti Ministry Rally*

Upon receiving your check, we will send you an e-mail as confirmation of your purchase. We will then send you tickets along with "A Heart for Haiti" bracelets.

For your convenience, tickets/bracelets may be also picked up from Eric Bronkala in the church office.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Easter Sunday, April 4

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

9:45 – Youth Sunday School

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

Wednesday, April 7

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group Time: “IGNITION”

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

Friday, April 9

“BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS”

7:00 a.m. at Shoney’s (Walker Springs & Kingston Pike)

\$5.00 for breakfast bar and a drink...we’ll be done by 7:50 and take you to school!

Saturday, April 10

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, April 11

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: “An Alien Adventure” – Theme:

Romans 12:2 Come play games and have fun as we look at how to transform the world rather than conforming to it.

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

Wednesday, April 14

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group Prayer & Announcements

7:15 – Youth Leadership Council

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

DON'T FORGET...CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS APRIL 18TH AND OUR CONFIRMATION COOKOUT IS SATURDAY, APRIL 24TH AT ERIC'S HOUSE, FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM.

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

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Blood Drive Set for April 17

Our Spring Blood Drive will be Saturday, April 17, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have free

breakfast rolls and coffee for the early donors and hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks for those who come mid-day or later.

Medic Blood Services has assured us that six beds will be set up, so there should be little or no wait time. You will again have the opportunity to donate to 2nd Harvest, where we buy our food for FISH, by declining the free Medic T-shirt. Or, you are welcome to take your T-shirt.

Please join us on April 17 and help the community blood supply, as well as establishing free blood services for members of MPUMC!

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. ²⁴ And he said to them, "This is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice for many. I tell you the truth, I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new in the Kingdom of God." Mark 14:22-25

So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. John 13:34

Then the soldiers nailed him to the cross. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. Then at three o'clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Then Jesus uttered another loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Mark 15: 24a, 25, 33-34, 37-38

Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Mark 16: 2-6

Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter—the three most sacred and holy days of the year, three

days that changed the course of human history forever, the most significant days of all recorded history.

Come and worship. Come and allow your story to become part of God's story. Come and worship. Come and join the Easter celebration.

From Augustine in his Confessions:
My whole life, I was looking for this:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

I was looking for Christ-centered knowledge, but I was blind, not knowing I needed Christ's humility, hidden from the wise and intelligent, and revealed to infants. I finally found it when you, Christ, helped me go inside my inner self and look with the eye of my soul and see your light—which is nothing like the light we see with our bodies—for your light is pure love. How did I ever doubt? Why did I ever struggle? I might as well have asked, "Am I alive?" as to wonder if you love me.

Only Jesus is the foundation of our humility.

Come and worship on these three most holy days, and may you discover for yourself Christ's light which is pure love—love for you and for me.

Pastor Eric

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Sara Cullison, Jim Wheeler (Bob and Rita Tate's son-in-law), Susie Skinner

PASTOR ON CALL
April 2-3

Wil Cantrell
cell- 919-0647

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

April 4
EASTER SUNDAY
"Shock and Awe"
Mark 16: 1-8

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