

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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APRIL 7, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- 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 Missions Meeting (Room 30)
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper
- 6:00 Youth Group (Gym)
- 7:00 "GiG" Youth Small Groups
- 7:45 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

MONDAY, APRIL 12

- 5:30 UMW Board Meeting (FH)
- 7:00 CLC Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

- 9:00 Staff Meeting (LCR)
- 9:30 CEP
- 10:00 Fit and Faithful
- 10:30 Prayer Around the Altar
- 6:30 Good & Beautiful God Class (Library)
- 7:00 Mary Rayfield Circle (FH)
- 7:00 Open Gym

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 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, APRIL 15

- 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
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 9:00 MEDIC Blood Drive (FH)

Mary Rayfield Circle of UMW will be meeting on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm in The Fellowship Hall of the Church. We invite anyone interesting in seeing what UMW is all about to attend this meeting!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 4, 2010

Sunday School—263 Worship—872

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

March 28, 2010

BUDGET	\$19,354.60
PAVING THE WAY	\$3,035.00
MEMORIALS	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
FISH	\$150.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$3,062.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$25,601.70

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

APRIL 4, 2010

BUDGET	\$26,611.54
PAVING THE WAY	\$4,153.00
MEMORIALS	
Carol Buchheit	
SPECIAL OFFERINGS:	
Easter ~FISH	\$3,555.00
Easter ~ Haiti Missions	\$1,020.00
Easter ~ Undesignated	\$1,980.00
Peace with Justice	\$175.00
DESIGNATED OFFERINGS	\$255.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$37,749.84



SUNDAY, APRIL 11

**Breakfast will be served
by the Youth**

please join us!



Spring Marketplace

MAY 18

5:30 table viewing ~ 6pm dinner

Let's celebrate *SPRING* with friends as we dine on decorated tables designed by you. Tablescape ideas are endless ~ flowers, gardening, celebrations, beach, hobbies, tea party, picnic, birthdays, movies, weddings.....
Paper, plastic or china can be used.

If you would like to decorate a table, please call the church office by **May3 to reserve your table.**

After dinner you can browse the vender booths for all types of goodies ~ handmade jewelry, Southern Living, Mary Kay, kitchen gadgets, and lots more.

If you would like to join us for dinner and the evening activities, please call the church office by **May 11 to make your reservation.**

Tickets are \$12.00
(questions, call Debbie 690-8641)

Last Mission Trip to Mississippi

"For almost 5 years Middlebrook Pike has been sending missionaries to Miss. as part of a huge UMCOR effort to help rebuild the Gulf coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. A mission team will leave on Sunday morning, June 6 for our last trip to MS. We will return on Saturday, June 12. It will be a bittersweet time for us all. We have been so blessed to have the support of the church family and for that love we say thank you. Our first team meeting for this last trip will be on Sunday, April 11 at 4:00 PM in room #30. If you have never been able to be a part of these wonderful teams, this is your last chance.

We need your help to fulfill this mission. Please try and come to the meeting. If you are not able to come but would like to go, please contact Nancy Saylor at 980-2864 or e-mail NDSaylor@msn.com.

We know that you will be blessed as you give of your time to serve the Lord."

WE SUPPORT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise needs evening and overnight Hosts/Hostesses during their rotation at Trinity UMC the week of April 18. We are one of two congregations that have committed to supporting Trinity.

Let's step up and answer the call for assistance to this ministry.

Contact Jan Mobley, 691-3057.



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.

Missions: Change for Children – ongoing
FISH – Peanut Butter



See You In Church

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.

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



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

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

Confirmation Sunday, April 18

Confirmands confirmed in the service they usually attend.

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: “Welcome to Wonderland” – Theme:

Reality vs. Fantasy Come play games that spoof “Alice in Wonderland” & talk about what Christians see as truth vs.

fiction...reality vs. fantasy.

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

DON’T FORGET...OUR CONFIRMATION COOKOUT IS SATURDAY, APRIL 24 AT ERIC’S HOUSE, FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO PASS – A SALAD OR A VEGETABLE. OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS’ COOKOUT IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, MAY 15 FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 AT THE HOME OF STEVE & MARSHA HAAS.

FAMILIES ARE WELCOME FOR BOTH EVENTS!

Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net



Blood Drive

April 17

9am—4pm

Free breakfast rolls, coffee, hot dogs, and soft drinks will be available to donors.

We'll have six beds; little or no waiting!

KEENAGERS

April 15

dinner at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall

The program this month~~ Tom Harrington will share a “*Special Smokey Mountain*”

Call Jackie Purvis to make your reservation.
(692-8344)



Our Members in the Service

Jonathan Hamilton

Jordan Leslie – grandson of Jen Webb

Robert L. Kelly – grandson of Bill and Marie Cooper

Reed Berry – Judy Berry's son

Christina Olsen – Nate Valukas' cousin

Coleman Harrell, USAF – nephew of Sam and Diana Clark

Robert Haas – son of Don and Joyce Haas-stationed at Wright-Patterson, Ohio

Daniel Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed at Fort Dix, NJ

Jacob Clark – grandson of Don and Joyce Haas – stationed in Norfolk, VA

Troy Arquette – stationed at Qatar

Matthew Gardner - Erin Green's husband - USAir Force

Andrew Cooper – Larry Cooper's son in the Marines

Joshua Neas

Jesse Booth – USN – Nancy Booth's grandson

Rick Burnette – Kent Milsaps' nephew and Julia Milsaps grandson – stationed at
Ft. Gordon, GA

Blake Thompson – Bob and Elaine Ruth's son-in-law – stationed in Iraq

Nathan Smith – Walt and Elizabeth Smith's grandson – TN278th - Iraq

Go Green Tip from Creation Cares:

Now that spring is here it's a good time to clean the wasted energy from your home.

Not sure what to do?

Check out the free Home Energy Audit at
www.energyright.com

It will help your pocketbook as well as God's creation--Earth!



Please bring in your cans for recycle on Sunday, April 18
(fellowship hall)

Proceeds go to FISH.

April Ongoing Prayer List

Blanche Wright (Sabra Buchheit's mother)
Jamie Chamblee (Rick and Sally Lovin's nephew)
Jayden Wise (Peggy Reed's nephew)
Phil Moore and his son Dustin
Jonathan Keas
George Kindred (Betty Turnbow's brother)
Bobbie Wray
Alice Moore
Bobby and Mary Gordy (Dawn Galle's parents)
Fred Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's father)
Al Rosenblum (Mickey Rosenblum's brother)
Karen Posey (Mike Moses' niece)
Bill Cooper
Greg Cooper
John Ray (Shelia Cooper's father)
Catherine Cole (Bonnie Cole and Kathy Rinaca's mother)
Danny Anthony (Ray McDonald's nephew)
Danny Mount (son of John and Kathy Mount)
John T. Mount (John Mount's father)
Linda Mefford and her father Alex and brother Mike
Pat Jackson (Becky Gompf's aunt)
Frank Bird (Jim Bird's uncle)
Bill Swaggerty Jr.
Paul Ellis (Wendy Evon's father)
Darlene Demaree (Loren Demaree's mother)
Jess Lockyer (Rosemary Lockyer's brother)
Chris Emmett
Carrie Hawley (Drew Hawley's mother)
Ruth Masterson (Charlie Harr's sister)
George and Billie Sliger (Fred Sliger's parents)
Debbie Cooper
Cheryl Chambers Whitus
Ruth Byard (Carol Russell's mother)
Susan Fletcher
Julia Milsaps
Barbara Baker
Charles Dunn (Greg Dunn's father)
JoAnn Havlicek (Rich Holly's sister)
Laurie Sluder (Sue Coe's niece)
Kathy Short (Heidi Seeders cousin)
Mary Jo Roseberry (Harriet Miller's aunt)
John Brantley
Wendell Huffstetler (Susan Berry's father)
Alan Handley (Margaret Spangler's son-in-law)

Agnes Rollins
Maxine Kessler (Pat Kessler's mother-in-law)
Beth Kerley (Elaine Ruth's sister)
Monnie Riddle (Greg Alldredge's mother)
Barton Chapman (Kent Milsaps uncle)
Lois Robinson (Matt Robinson's grandmother)
Joe Orr (Jessie Gouge's brother)

The following names are our list of those known to be homebound. If you know of a homebound member who is not on our list, please contact the office so that we may add that name to our list, which is printed the 1st Wednesday of each month.

We encourage you to remember them in your prayers or drop them a note or a card.

If you know of anyone who needs to come off this list, please contact Debbie in the church office at 690-8641.

I hope you all had a blessed Easter. I was certainly blessed myself by our Easter Crossroads Worship Service. It is a service that I doubt I will ever forget.

I had the privilege of receiving Aaron and Krista Webb into membership and baptizing their daughter Keira (4 years old) and their son Max (9 months old). Any time someone joins the church or a child is baptized it is an extremely memorable moment. This occasion was especially so for me because the Webbs are my next door neighbors.

I remember the day we saw a pink balloon on the mailbox signifying Keira's birth and I had the joy of holding Max not long after he came home from the hospital. One of our joys over the past several years has been watching Keira play outside with her parents and watching her grow and learn new skills. To be able receive Krista and Aaron into membership, to baptize Keira and Max and, on behalf of the church, to claim all the promises of God for them was thus an unforgettable moment for me. It also reminded me of how the baptism of any child or receiving any adult into membership are unforgettable moments for God because God has watched us all grow from our earliest days and longs for us all to accept what He has done for us and live as His children.

I was also moved by a liturgical dance offered during the service by Katelyn Holly. I have to admit I'm not always good at interpreting interpretive dance, but for some reason as I watched Katelyn dance on Easter I began to feel my eyes well up with tears. Through her dance I was reminded how our relationship with God is a lot like a dance.

Early on in our relationship, Rebecca and I took some ballroom dancing lessons. Dancing does not come easily to me. It takes a lot of work. There were many moments during the lessons where I was just convinced I could not do it. The only reason I was able to stick with it was because rather than chastise me for my failures, Rebecca chose to remind me how

much I had improved, to tell me how much potential she saw in me, and to encourage me to give it another try. I don't think I ever made it through an entire dance without making several mistakes, but I did improve dramatically during the time we took lessons together.

When I think about my experiences with dancing, I can't help but think how much my relationship with God is like a dance. I never get it entirely right. In fact, I never really even come very close to getting it completely right. When my motivations for serving God are fairly pure, I still end up making mistakes in the ways I try to serve Him. Other times, when I seem to be serving God effectively, I have to acknowledge that my motivations are often more self-centered than God-centered. My prayer life has grown over the years, but my ability to listen to God and make the time for prayer that I need still leaves a lot to be desired. Yet, rather than condemning me, the Risen Christ consistently takes my hand, reminds me how far I've come already, and encourages me to give it another try.

Now, I will probably never win a dance competition and I will never get it completely right in my spiritual life this side of heaven. But when this life is over and I face God's judgment I believe God will not judge with me cold hard numbers rating my life performance like the judges on *Dancing with the Stars* rate the dancers. Instead, I believe God will judge me by one simple question: "Who was your partner?"

Who is your partner?

Grace and Peace,

Wil

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Sara Cullison, John Gompf (Becky Gompf's brother), Susie Skinner

DEATHS: Lilly Lay (Patty Dunlap's mother)
Bobby Counts (Larry Katcham's cousin)

PASTOR ON CALL
April 9-10

Eric Rieger
cell- 964-0030

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY
Wil Cantrell ~ Traditional
"The Waiting is the Hardest Part"

Phil Moore ~ CWS
"Of Things Unseen"

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