



# SUPER SUNDAY SEND-OFF



Mark your calendars now for Sunday, April 25 for a fantastic farewell to Wil, Rebecca and Sam. We're having a potluck supper at 5:30 pm followed by a send-off party you won't want to miss. The church will provide the meat, bread and drinks. We are asking you to bring a dish to share and we'll save a place at the table for you.

If your last name starts with A~L – bring a side dish.  
M~Z – bring a salad or dessert  
(each dish should feed 12-15).

What a wonderful way to conclude 6 great years of service to our church family.

If you can help with set up, kitchen duties or clean up, please call the church office to sign up. Thanks.

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## COMBINED SERVICES ON APRIL 25

**8:30 ~** we will worship in the Sanctuary in a service led primarily by our choirs with some contributions by the musicians from our praise band.

**11:00 ~** we will be gathering in the Family Life Center for a worship service led primarily by our praise band with some contributions by our choir members who make up the Revelation Singers.

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## Celebration

At 5:30 pm on April 25th the Church will be hosting a “going away” celebration for Wil, Rebecca, and Sam in the Family Life Center and we want to present a love offering to the Cantrell’s at this event. If you would like to show your appreciation for all Wil and his family have meant to MPUMC over the past six years, please participate by marking your gift “Cantrell Love Offering” and placing it in the offering plate. Gifts sent directly to the Church should be marked to the attention of Charlotte Giles.

Rick Murphree  
Chair  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

APRIL 14, 2010

The Messenger

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# On Campus Events

## SUNDAY, APRIL 18

- 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)
- 4:30 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, APRIL 20

- 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 Open Gym

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

- 10:30 Willing Workers Circle (FH)
- 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 22

- 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.)
- 7:00 AED Training (FH)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 23

- 9:00 FISH

## SATURDAY, APRIL 24

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 1:00 AED Training (FH)



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!

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 11, 2010

Sunday School—252    Worship—495

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

April 11, 2010

<b>BUDGET</b>	\$14,257.18
<b>PAVING THE WAY</b>	\$1,266.17
<b>MEMORIALS</b>	
<b>SPECIAL OFFERINGS:</b>	
<b>FISH</b>	\$395.00
<b>Change for Children (eggs)</b>	\$287.48
<b>DESIGNATED OFFERINGS</b>	\$2,307.42
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	\$18,513.25



<b>April 19</b>	Robert Lee
<b>April 20</b>	Rob Brengle
<b>April 21</b>	Carla Curtis
<b>April 23</b>	Dania Leatherman, Pat Mowery, Debbie Uglow
<b>April 24</b>	James Cooper, Summer Strasser, Brady Bingham
<b>April 25</b>	Matt Saylor, Sophia McDuffee

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



**SUNDAY, APRIL 18**

**Breakfast will be served by the Young Adults Class**

**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.  
Tablescapes 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  
**May 3 to reserve your table.**

After dinner you can browse the vendor 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)

Willing Workers Circle  
April 21 ~ 10:30

All ladies are invited to join  
us for Bible study and a  
pot luck lunch.



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

Proceeds go to FISH.

## Everyday Tiny Little Miracles

It's the smiles on each of your faces that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
It's the hugs from each and every one of you that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
It's the prayers you have lifted to God on our behalf that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
It's the food you share to fuel and heal that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
It's the cards you send and the phone calls you make that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
It's the flowers you give to cheer that are Tiny Little Miracles.  
You see, the Tiny Little Miracles are filling our daily lives with courage and strength.  
Our cup overflows!  
Praise God for friends, through Tiny Little Miracles, who continue to show  
God's love during our storm!

Much Love,  
Susie and Ralph Skinner



## Children's Corner

### Dates to Remember ~

- May 9 – Eric Bronkala teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - May 16 – New Rotation (Miracles)
  - May 21 – Parents Night Out
  - June 7 – June 11– Vacation Bible School
  - June 13 – Eric teaches 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
  - June 27 – Summer Rotation begins
  - July 16 – Parents Night Out
  - July 25 – Eric Bronkala meets with rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents at 9:45 (Theater).
  - August 22 – Bible presented to rising 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



VBS ~ 2010

June 7 - June 11

6:00 – 8:30pm (light dinner  
provided)

During Galactic Blast Vacation Bible School, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Plan to be here!!

Ann Cover - Director of Children's Ministries  
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# MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

### 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: “An Alien Adventure” –

Theme: *Romans 12:2*

*We swapped this Sunday’s theme with last Sunday’s theme. 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 21

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group Prayer & Announcements

7:15 – Youth Leadership Council

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

### Saturday, April 24

Confirmation Class Cookout – 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

At Eric Bronkala’s house...please bring a dish to pass...a salad or a vegetable.

### Sunday, April 25 (please notice the special schedule)

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

9:45 – Youth Sunday School

4:30 – Youth Choir

**5:30 – SPECIAL EVENT: “A SPECIAL CELEBRATION!”**

*Come enjoy the food, fellowship, and fun, as we say farewell to our associate pastor; Wil Cantrell.*

**No “G.i.G” small groups!**

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

**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!**

**YOUTH MISSION TRIP MEETING FOR DAYTONA & BIRMINGHAM TEAMS – 5:00 to 6:30 ON SUNDAY, MAY 22 – FOOD AND DRINK PROVIDED.**

**Eric Bronkala - Director of Youth Ministries**

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## Associate Pastor Coming to MPUMC ~ Joshua and Callie Kilbourne

Josh is a life-long United Methodist—son and grandson of pastors. He grew up in Apison (Cleveland District), Knoxville and Johnson City. He studied at Emory & Henry College and attended seminary at Duke Divinity School. He has worked as a supply pastor and a youth and children’s minister. He has served as an intern in United Methodist Churches in North Carolina and he is now serving the Floyd UM Circuit in the Wytheville District.

Callie studied music education at Emory & Henry. They have a 2 year old daughter, Anastasia (Ana) and are currently expecting a son due the middle of May.

Josh loves sports, the outdoors and yes, UT football.

He is very mission minded and has taken trips to Costa Rica, Slovakia, Rwanda and Uganda.

We look forward to the Kilbourne’s joining our church family on June 23.

I'm writing this clergy column to let you know that I will soon be leaving my position here as Associate Pastor of Middlebrook Pike UMC to become the Pastor of Lebanon Memorial UMC in Lebanon, VA at the request of our Bishop James Swanson. Please allow me to explain to you a little bit about how this has come about.

In the United Methodist Church, pastors are assigned to their churches by the Bishop, not hired by the local churches. Each Bishop oversees the placement of pastors within an Annual Conference. Here at Middlebrook Pike, we are part of the Holston Annual Conference which is comprised of all the United Methodist Churches in East Tennessee and the Southwestern portion of Virginia stretching up to about Radford. Each year, almost all the pastors who are appointed to new churches begin their new appointments shortly after the yearly meeting of all of the churches in the conference known as Annual Conference which occur for us during the second full week of June. So on June 23, I will begin my new appointment and you will be receiving a new Associate Pastor here at Middlebrook Pike.

I will be leaving Middlebrook Pike UMC significantly sooner than June 23, however. On May 1, I will begin a 7 week study leave. During my study leave, I will be traveling around the region visiting vibrant churches, reading a challenging curriculum, participating in prayer retreats, and helping the new associate pastor get to know Middlebrook Pike UMC. The entirety of my study leave will be overseen by our SPR committee.

I view my study leave as a great gift that you, as the church, are giving to me. The study leave will greatly assist me in preparing to assume leadership of Lebanon Memorial UMC. I believe the study leave will help me to be a more effective pastor for years to come and I also believe it will be very beneficial to you as well. It is quite difficult for a church to say goodbye to one pastor one Sunday and hello to another pastor the next Sunday. Thanks to my study leave those of you for whom it is difficult to say goodbye will have over a month between my departure and my colleague's arrival. It's okay to be sad. It's okay to grieve and even shed a few tears. It's also okay if you are not sad. Here's the only thing that is not okay.

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

**CONCERNS:** Sue Coe, Brenda Hill (Mike Higgins' sister), Margaret Wilson (Marci McGregor's grandmother), John Gompf (Becky Gompf's brother), Sara Cullison, Susie Skinner, Bea Morgan

It is not okay for you not to be exuberant when your new Associate Pastor arrives in June. I expect you to welcome your new associate pastor with the biggest and best party you have thrown since you threw such a big baby shower for Rebecca and I before our son, Sam, was born that we had to use the church bus to get all the gifts home. Rest assured, I'll know how good of a party you throw. I may not even be in the state anymore. But I'm warning you, I've got informants all over this city. Don't think I won't be watching.

Due to my study leave, my last Sunday here at Middlebrook Pike UMC will be April 25. On that Sunday, we will be having combined services so that I can say goodbye to everyone in worship and so that everyone has the chance in worship to say goodbye or good riddance (which ever you prefer) to me. At 8:30am, we will all be gathering here in the sanctuary to worship in a service led primarily by our choirs with some contributions by the musicians from our praise band. At 11:00am, we will be gathering in the Family Life Center for a worship service led primarily by our praise band with some contributions by our choir members who make up the Revelation Singers. We will also be having a farewell dinner that evening at 5:30pm. Please mark those events on your calendar.

You also need to know that the opportunity to become the lead pastor of a church was an opportunity that I requested. My request did not come from a false belief that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence and that life will be easier at a different church. Grass is grass. Life is full of blessings and challenges wherever you go. My request did not come from any misguided notion on my part that I would be able to love the people of Lebanon more than I love you or that they would love me more than you have loved me. I'm not sure how any church could extend more love to any pastor and his family than you have extended to us over the last 6 years. My request came totally from my desire to fulfill a different role in the church, a role that I believe God has been preparing me for during my six years as associate pastor here at MPUMC.

Please know that I will sincerely miss being a part of the Knoxville community and Middlebrook Pike UMC. I expect nothing less than to hear great things about the people and ministry of Middlebrook Pike UMC in the years ahead.

With gratitude for the chance to serve God with you,

*Wil*

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