



We Need You!!

The last Mississippi Mission Team will meet Sunday May 2 at 4:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We may not roof a house but the need for our help is still there. Many people still have homes that must have repairs done and you can help!

Please make a commitment to help us help our neighbors on the Mississippi Coast. We Do Not want to cancel this last trip. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please contact Nancy Saylor at 980-2864 or NDSaylor@msn.com for more information.

We really do need your help now!

Phone 865-690-8641

Fax 865 539-4636

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2010 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project:

Food Buckets for Zimbabwe

During the month of May we will be collecting food buckets for the Holston Annual Conference's 2010 Hands-On Mission Project.

Below is a list of items needed for each bucket. Please pack all items in a provided 5 gallon bucket OR any bag and we will pack the bucket for you (buckets can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall throughout May). A \$5 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each bucket. **DO NOT PUT \$ IN THE BUCKET** - tape to lid, please. Or, place the money in the collection plate marked "Food Buckets for Zimbabwe". Buckets can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall May 16-30.

List:

- 1- 5lb bag of Corn Meal
- 1- box of tea bags (take out of the box)
- 1- 2lb bag of Rice
- 1- box of powdered milk (9oz or less)
- 1- bottle of cooking oil (48oz or less)
- 1- 5lb bag of sugar
- 1- 5lb bag of SELF-RISING flower
- 1- 2lb bag of dried beans
- 1- 2lb canned ham or 2- 1lb canned hams
- 1- small box of Splenda

Questions? Contact Kristin Lighter @ Kristin.Lighter@gmail.com or 865-705-1141. Or Liz Kennedy @ lizzy_bat@yahoo.com or 865-531-7763.

APRIL 28, 2010

The Messenger

On Campus Events

SUNDAY, MAY 2

- 8:30 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:45 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 9:00 MPUMC Breakfast (FLC/FH)
- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 Contemporary Worship (FLC)
- 2:00 Stephens Ministry (Room 40)
- 4:00 First Place Class (Room 27)
- 4:00 Missions Meeting (FH)
- 4:30 Brass Voices (Room 30)
- 4:30 Youth Choir (Room 31)
- 5:30 Revelation Singers
- 5:30 Youth Snack Supper (FH)
- 6:00 Stewardship Campaign Meeting (LCR)
- 6:00 Youth Group
- 7:00 "Gig" Youth Small Groups
- 7:45 "Slingshot" Youth/Young Adult Worship

MONDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00 CWS Praise Team (Room 30)
- 7:00 Trustees Meeting (LCR)

TUESDAY, MAY 4

- 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, MAY 5

- 6:15 Angel Choir (Room 26)
- 6:15 Cherub choir (Room 21)
- 6:15 Friendship Choir (Room 30)
- 6:15 Early Risers Choir
- 6:30 Stewardship Campaign Meeting (LCR)
- 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, MAY 6

- 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 Finance Committee Meeting (LCR)
- 7:00 Toastmasters (Room 30)
- 7:00 ESL Class (Room 31)

FRIDAY, MAY 7

- 8:00 Wesley House Meal Prep (Kitchen)
- 8:00 Youth Group set-up

SATURDAY, MAY 8

- 9:00 STEP Co-Parenting Class (Old Bldg.)
- 6:00 A HEART FOR HAITI EVENT

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

APRIL 25, 2010

Sunday School—255 Worship—557

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

April 25, 2010

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| BUDGET | \$17,622.24 |
| PAVING THE WAY | \$2,545.00 |
| MEMORIALS | |
| SPECIAL OFFERINGS: | |
| FISH | \$575.00 |
| DESIGNATED OFFERINGS | \$4,001.63 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$24,743.87 |



Happy Birthday!

- May 4** Katelyn Holly, Larry McGinn
- May 5** David O'bonna, Erika Baker
- May 6** Brooke Sowards, Nathan Walker,
Lisa Jarrell, Travis Roberts
- May 7** Miranda Lighter, Sam Brengle,
Rebecca Malone
- May 8** Ron Uglow
- May 9** JoAnn Behling
- May 10** Gavin McDuffee

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



SUNDAY, MAY 2

**Breakfast will be served
by UMW ~
Mary Rayfield Circle**

please join us!

MAY

Tuesday, May 4 ~ Mothers' Support Group will meet at Puleo's in Deane Hill Shopping Center.. This will be our last meeting before our summer break. Please bring your ideas of any summer day trips you would like to take in the church van. All mothers of all ages are welcome. Please call Rita Tate at 966-5151 or ritatate@tds.net to make your reservation.

Tuesday, May 4 ~ First Tuesday Lunch Bunch will meet at Red Lobster at 1pm. Call Joyce Haas to make your reservation by Monday, May 3.

Saturday, May 8 ~

"A Heart for Haiti"
Rallying together to make a difference!
Saturday, May 8 • Middlebrook Pike UMC

Pre-ordered tickets \$12.00
includes "A Heart for Haiti" bracelet

Tickets at door \$15.00
Tickets are limited, so order as soon as possible!

Doors open at 6:00 pm
Music begins at 7:00
To order tickets, please contact Eric Bronkala at:
ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com

featuring:
Justin Lookadoo
Casey Darnell

Music, worship, fellowship, food & more - with all proceeds going to our Haiti ministry

Sunday, May 9 ~ HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Thursday, May 13 ~ Sisters in Christ Circle will meet will be at Becky Clay's house, 5723 Copperleaf Drive. All ladies are invited to join us.

Tuesday, May 18 ~ SPRING MARKETPLACE 5:30pm table viewing ~ 6pm dinner
If you would like to decorate a table, please call the church office by **May 3 to reserve your table.**
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)

Dear Middlebrook Pike Church Family,

Thank you for giving us a fantastic send-off Sunday! We want to thank the traditional and contemporary musicians who worked together to make the combined worship services inspiring. We want to all of you who came to the Sunday evening dinner and who shared with us your well wishes. Thank you to the youth group for signing the picture of Wil. Thank you to all the children and children's ministry team for the wonderful card and gorgeous white stole with the wedding and baptism imagery. Thank you to the Staff Parish Relations Committee for the beautifully framed photograph of the church. Thanks to you all for the overly generous love offering you gave us. And thanks to all of you for the amazing church home you have been to us for the past six years. You will always have a special place in our hearts!

Love,

Wil, Rebecca, and Sam Cantrell

Children's Corner

Dates to Remember ~

- 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



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.

Please contact Marielle Kusch (692-3899) or kuschfamily5@aol.com if you would like to volunteer.



MPUMC YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS & NOTES

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES...

Sunday, May 2

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: “Final Spiritual Exams” –

Theme: Looking at your relationships with teachers,
other students & God.

Come play games and have fun – no #2 pencil needed!

7:00 – “G.i.G” small groups

7:45 – Slingshot Worship – rm. #52

Wednesday, May 5

5:15 – Youth Handbells

6:45 – Youth Group – “Ignition”

7:45 – Open gym and games room for youth

Friday, May 7

“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, May 8

“A HEART FOR HAITI” MINISTRY RALLY

Rallying together to make a difference!

7:00 p.m.

~see article below~

**OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS’ COOK-
OUT 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

ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com; ebronkala@comcast.net

“A HEART FOR HAITI” MINISTRY RALLY **Rallying together to make a difference!** **Saturday, May 8 7:00 p.m.**

Pre-ordered tickets \$12.00 includes "A Heart for Haiti" bracelet

Tickets at door \$15.00

Seats are limited, so please order as soon as possible!

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for concessions, to meet the speaker and music leader, merchandise, etc.

7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - music from Casey Darnell (worship leader at North Point Community Church in Atlanta), videos to show the current situation and needs in Haiti, introduction and commissioning of young adult mission team, special music from Roger Williams (well-known Christian musician from our area), message from Justin Lookadoo (nationally known speaker and best-selling author), followed by more music from Casey Darnell

8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - For those who want to stick around, everything remains open for fellowship, food, and interaction with Justin Lookadoo, Roger Williams, and Casey Darnell.

For ticket information, please contact our Director of Youth Ministries Eric Bronkala at...
ebronkala@middlebrookpike.com

I would be a fool if I thought that I could live up to the title of this column and sum up what it has meant to me to be your Associate Pastor for the last six years in roughly six paragraphs. So rather than try to live up to the title, I'd like to take this opportunity to ask you for three more things.

First, please know my sincere love and appreciation for the Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church family and the wonderful send off you gave my family last Sunday. We have included a thank you note for the send off and your generous gifts elsewhere in this edition of the Messenger. I'll trust you to read that thank you note which will allow me to express other thoughts to you in this space.

Secondly, as you graciously receive Rev. Josh Kilbourne as your new Associate Pastor, please give him the blessing of not expecting him to be like me. As I mentioned in my sermon last week, Josh may very well be a more effective Associate Pastor than I was, but to be effective he will have to do things his way. He will not be able to copy the exact ways I did ministry even in the instances where my ministry was effective. Encourage Josh to be Josh and God will bless you through his ministry in ways that you cannot even imagine yet.

Third and finally, please keep the church and my family in your prayers. The worship services Sunday and the send off dinner were truly sacred experiences for us. At the end of the send off dinner when I was given the chance to speak, I realized it was my last opportunity to speak to you and to express my appreciation to you in person. I was somewhat overwhelmed by the moment and ended up telling stories and rambling on in a rather forgettable manner.

My experience reminded me of the experience of the disciple Peter during the transfiguration which is written about in Matthew 17. During the sacred experience of seeing Jesus gleaming with white light and talking to Moses and Elijah, the

disciple Peter immediately begins running his mouth about what they should do to commemorate the occasion. While Peter is still speaking, he is interrupted by God's voice thundering down from heaven. God tells Peter to be quiet and listen to what Jesus has to say.

I wish in my final chance to talk to you in person that rather than rambling on and trying to sum up what being a part of Middlebrook Pike UMC has meant to me, I had instead invited you to simply join me in a time of prayer to give thanks to God and to listen together to what the Risen Christ is saying to us. So, I now invite you to join me in a specific way of praying over the next 7 weeks until you receive Josh Kilbourne as your new Associate Pastor. During these weeks, will you spend time in prayer:

- ◆ Thanking God for the chance to be a part of MPUMC;
- ◆ Praying for my family and I during my study leave and our upcoming move;
- ◆ Praying for Lebanon Memorial UMC as they prepare to receive us;
- ◆ Praying for Rev. Kilbourne and his family and they prepare to move to Knoxville and become part of MPUMC;
- ◆ And listening to what the Risen Christ is saying to you?

Please know that when I thank God for Middlebrook Pike United Methodist Church in my prayers, I will not be thanking God for the church's building, size, or reputation. I will be thanking God for you and your witness.

May God Bless and Keep You,

Wil

Recent requests for prayer from our church family...

CONCERNS: Kenny Marsh, Margaret Wilson (Marci McGregor's grandmother), Willa Humphrey's (Sally Lovin's mother),

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