

Sunday School Offering

Sunday, January 31, 2010 is for Holston United Methodist Home for Children. Please give generously.

Women's Bible Study

Beth Moore's "Beloved Disciple, The Life and Ministry of John"

An 11-week study beginning Monday February 1, 1 - 2:30 p.m., Room 441

For information, call Martha Payne at 892-4401.

100 Volunteers Needed February 4

Approximately 100 children from homeless families will be at First-Centenary Thursday, February 4, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. We must have 100 Buddies to be with them while they eat and play. The children will have a wonderful evening while the parents enjoy dinner and entertainment. ASAP contact Mary Grey Moses, children@fcumc.org, 756-2021. Our guests have been invited; we need help!



Resurrection 2010



The youth had a wonderful time at Resurrection 2010! We took a total of 49 people to Gatlinburg, TN last weekend for the 25th anniversary of the Holston Conference's biggest youth event of the year! Our students were challenged to move from spiritual "milk" to "solid food" by speaker Justin Lookadoo. We also enjoyed meaningful worship with the Kristian Stanfill Band. It was a great time of learning, fun, and growth for all who attended!



Lenten Study Groups

For 5 weeks during Lent, as we prepare our hearts for Easter, we invite you to be part of study groups on *Passionate Worship*. We will ask God to open our hearts and minds to new learnings and possibilities for First-Centenary. We will share honestly, listen carefully, think creatively, and plan courageously together with others in the group.

Study books are \$5, and enable us to prepare for sessions by praying and by reading the sessions and answering the questions. Sessions begin Wednesday, February 24, through March 24. Many groups will meet on Wednesday evenings, but classes are also available Sundays at 6 p.m. (led by Steve Barringer) and on weekdays. Get your book in the office (near Nave side entrance door) or at Lobby desk of Oak Street Center. Leave your \$5 or a check and take your book on Sundays.



From Our Pastor



Dwight Kilbourne

Enormous Love

A couple of weeks ago, Patty and I had a new experience. We kept our 19-month-old granddaughter Ana Grace while her parents attended Resurrection with the youth of their church. Ana Grace was in our home and under our care for two full days. It was a special treat for us.

Over the weekend, I had a real cultural experience. We took Ana Grace to see *Sesame Street Live* at Memorial Auditorium. She is a huge fan of Elmo. Of course we had to purchase an Elmo balloon during intermission. It was a delightful experience because Patty and I were able to share Ana Grace's joy and amazement during the production.

After two days of Ana Grace's being in our care, I am mindful of two things. First of all, I have a deeper appreciation for the parents in our congregation who have small children. It requires a colossal amount of energy just to keep up with a little one. We found that our eyes needed to be constantly on our granddaughter as she explored everything.

Secondly, the amount of love that Patty and I have toward Ana Grace is enormous. Our hearts overflow with affection for her. We are willing to make great sacrifices for her well-being.

As I think about our love for her, I am reminded of God's great love for us and his creation. Our love as grandparents pales in comparison to God's great love for us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Prime Time Wednesday

On Prophesying the Creation

Bill Cushman

How human beings should live with the rest of the Creation.
Hodge Classroom

Living the Questions

Rev. Charles Neal

A dvd/discussion as we search for a faith beyond pat answers.
Oak Street Center, Rm 102

Sacred Marriage

Mary Grey Moses

Marriage as a spiritual discipline that can help us know God better.
Seminar Room

February 3 MENU: Homestyle Meatloaf, Sour Cream and Chive Potatoes, Seasoned Green Beans w/ Bacon, Tossed Garden Salad, Yeast Roll, White Almond Cake
Kids: Chicken Sandwiches, Fries



Camp Lookout Work Day

Saturday, February 27, 2010

All First-Centenary children love our Camp Lookout! Contact Don Washburn, 706-820-1163 or email – don@camplookout.com to learn how you can help. Light breakfast 7:30 a.m. & lunch served. Workday ends at 3 p.m., and takes place rain or shine, warm or cold. Build steps to cabin, metal roof on small cabin, benches at Vespers Point, landscaping, clean-up pool, cut/split firewood, shelves & hooks in showers, spring cleaning, and more!! If you can't attend, you might help with funding. Call Don!

Classes 6:15 p.m.
Dinner served 5:15 - 6 p.m.

Separation of Church and State: What Does it Really Mean?

Dr. Chuck Lippy

What the founding generation intended when they adopted the first amendment to the Constitution.
Prigmore Room

In Depth Bible Study Continues

Jesus in the Gospels

Rev. Brian Davis

Prime Time Dinner reservations are needed by Noon on Tuesday –
foodsvp@fcumc.org or
call 756-2021, ext. 3123.

United Methodist Women



Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, February 13. Beginning at 11 a.m., we will meet in the church cloister for snack food and fellowship. Following this time of fellowship, an informative presentation of United Methodist Women beginnings, structure, publications and "How and Where the money goes" will take place in the Kate Lyle West Chapel. Information booklets will be given to Circle leaders and the Executive Team. We will end by giving an opportunity to make our 2010 pledges. Questions are welcome. Call Laura O'Neal at 706-657-7735.

Have you included the church's Permanent Endowment Fund in your will?

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) Joins on-the-Ground Relief for Haiti

A UMNS Story by Linda Bloom

The **United Methodist Committee on Relief** and a host of other faith-based groups are on the ground in Haiti as they determine how to assist earthquake survivors.

With more than \$2 million in donations received by January 20, UMCOR already has provided emergency grants to the Methodist Church of Haiti and GlobalMedic, a Canadian relief agency, to address immediate needs.

An assessment team led by UMCOR's Melissa Crutchfield was gathering in the Dominican Republic January 20 and preparing to enter Haiti. She is accompanied by five others with the relief agency, the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries and United Methodist Communications.

Other United Methodist-supported organizations, including Church World Service, Action By Churches Together International and Stop Hunger Now, also are responding with aid.

Paul Jeffrey, a United Methodist photojournalist and missionary on assignment with ACT, watched a Mexican rescue team free Anna Zizi from the home of the parish priest at Port-au-Prince's Roman Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption.

"The rescuers were crying afterwards," reported Jeffrey. It was a welcome opportunity to feel joy



A Mexican rescue team frees Anna Zizi from the home of the parish priest at Port-au-Prince's Roman Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption on January 19. Paul Jeffrey/ACT Alliance

amid such devastation, he said. ACT has deployed a "rapid support team" to Haiti, which will work with members with offices already in Haiti. UMCOR is a pending member of the new ACT Alliance.

Despite rescue efforts, few survivors were being pulled alive from the rubble a week after the earthquake struck. The Reuters news organization reported that 75,000 bodies were buried in mass graves and that Haitian officials say the toll could be between 100,000 and 200,000. An organization called Partners In Health said 20,000 people are dying daily "who could be saved by surgery," according to a January 20 story in The Wall Street Journal. Taken from <http://new.gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>

Health Kits for Haiti

In response to the crisis in Haiti, churches are being asked to put together kits to be sent to Haiti. Below are instructions and a list of items to be placed in the bag. **Bring kits to the church Welcome Center by Sunday, February 7.**

Health Kit Items Value: \$12 per kit

Place items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large/sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, NO child-size brushes) (UMCOR is purchasing toothpaste.)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste



UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide health kits that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti.

Support Relief Efforts in Haiti

Send your donation to the church - marked "Haiti Relief." 100% of your gift goes directly to Haiti. **As of January 25, you have given \$10,804.27.**

Within the Church Family

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THE TREMENDOUS PURSUIT

January Sermon Series continues

***What things do people really want to obtain?
What do we pursue?***

Brian and Dwight will address the subject of how we pursue "meaning".

Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to be part this journey.



Pursuit of Beauty Display Continues

This Sunday we are displaying Things of Beauty made by our members. Visit the Cloister (hallway near back of Nave) and the Bridge to view the art.

Sunday Worship

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Sanctuary
at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

*The Pursuit of
Meaning*

John 10:7-10

Dr. Dwight Kilbourne

The Vine

**at 10:45 a.m. in the
Oak Street Center**

*Quest for Meaning:
Give Me Something
to Believe In*

Ecclesiastes

Rev. Brian Davis

Televised sermon *The Pursuit
of Beauty* by Dr. Dwight Kilbourne
Channel 12, WDEF-TV
at 11:30 a.m. each Sunday.

Reading from the Lectionary

- Jeremiah 1:4-10
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
- Psalm 71:1-6
- Luke 4:21-30