

# Christ United Methodist Church

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Newsletter

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Pastor

Tim B. Bracken,

## March Madness

Kellie and I love March Madness! We get excited talking about it; we have even been known to shout and yell at the TV! I think that is part of the 'madness'. It is really exciting for us because we get to cheer for Tennessee, Georgia, Texas and Baylor, so we get to keep our options open. But when all is said and done, March Madness is really only a bunch of games that really mean nothing to my life one way or the other. It is a source of entertainment.

Especially, when we compare March Madness to Lent, Passion Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday. March Madness pales in comparison.

I know you might think I am being ridiculous or way over serious, but I have actually thought this past week, 'Have I been as serious about preparing my heart for Holy Week as I have been preparing my schedule for March Madness?' Maybe it is a little over the edge or maybe not.

We call ourselves Christians, but we put more thought and effort into basketball than we do the most important Christian Festival of the Christian Year. Enjoy March Madness, but don't forget to prepare your hearts of such a great Salvation!

*Your fellow servant,*

Tim B. Bracken

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### STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 11, 2007

10:30 a.m. Worship Service	105
Sunday School	57
Evening Worship	28

### OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 1,741.70

By Mail & Other	100.00
Sunday School	63.20
Morning Worship	1,578.50

### OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 1,932.00

Memorial Fund	847.00
Conference Askings	675.00
District Askings	50.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Rebekah Simmerman	150.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
His Kids	100.00
Mission Trip	10.00
Evelyn Murphy Class	25.00

### TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 3,673.70

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### STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 18, 2007

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	12
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	100
Sunday School	52
Evening Worship	23

### OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 3,597.00

By Mail & Other	1,200.00
Sunday School	48.00
Morning Worship	2,349.00

### OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 1,580.00

Memorial Fund	575.00
District Askings	50.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	75.00
His Kids	150.00
Mission Trip	55.00
Opportunity House	625.00

### TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 5,177.00

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### UMW Day Apart Service

The UMW Day Apart Service will be Saturday, March 31, at Hardins Chapel UMC. The speaker will be Kellie Bracken. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served. Make plans to attend! If you have any questions, please contact Amy Thomas.

### MEMORIALS

Rick Buckner  
Mack & Flo Mitchell

### Lu Meade

Mark & Kim Abelson  
Ray & Jean Adams  
Rick & Whitney Ball  
Bob & Pat Bradford  
Christ United Methodist Church  
Jack & Tina Chudina  
Jay & Bada Elliott  
Friendship Seekers Class  
Tim & Barbara Hodges  
Charlie & Betsy Keller  
Gene & Jean King  
Bobby & Margaret Kirk  
Dottie Leonard  
Paul O. Metcalfe  
Tom & Cindy Paxton  
Sue Perettie  
John, Lou & Brooke Rhea  
Bill & Sandra Ricker  
Blanche Sauls  
George & Mandy Scott  
George & Mary Scott  
Haden & Debbie Scott  
Bob & Ann Stoebe  
The Inspirational Group

### Charles D. Renner

Ray & Jean Adams  
Mack & Flo Mitchell  
The Action Group

### Faye Spicer

Bob & Pat Bradford  
Mack & Flo Mitchell  
The Action Group

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### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathies are extended to Richard Meade in the death of his wife, Lu Meade. Lu was a member of our church.

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### PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

The Prayer Ministry Team will meet on Saturday, March 24, at 5:30. Please meet at the home of Tom & Cindy Paxton. Dinner will be served.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU**

**March**

28 - vegetable soup, slaw, cornbread  
crackers & dessert

**April**

4 - *No Meal on Wednesday Night*

**5 - Maundy Thursday**

baked potato bar with fixings,  
tossed salad, rolls & dessert

11 - BBQ on bun, baked beans,  
slaw & Dessert

18 - chicken fingers, corn, green beans,  
rolls & dessert

25 - meatloaf, macaroni & cheese,  
mixed vegetables, rolls & dessert

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**ALASKA TEAM MEETING**

Alaska Team Meeting on Friday, March 30, at  
6:00 p.m. Supper is provided. It is  
important for all team members to attend this  
orientation meeting!

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**Attention! Children**

The children will be performing on Palm  
Sunday during the morning worship service.

**Any child that would like to participate  
needs to be at Kids' Club every Sunday night.**

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**Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join us in celebrating Palm Sunday, April 1,  
with a pizza party and Easter Egg Hunt, directly  
after morning worship. This party is for  
elementary school-age children and younger, and  
their families. Don't forget to bring an Easter  
basket! For more information, please see Tina &  
Jack Chudina.

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**EASTER LILIES/TULIPS**

It's time to order your Easter Lilies and/or  
Tulips. The cost is \$7.50. See Kim Abelson  
for an order form. The deadline to order  
is April 1.

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**TRUSTEES' MEETING**

Sunday, April 1 - 11:30 a.m.  
(Please meet in the parlor.)

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**J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)**

On Saturday, April 14, we will be getting  
together at the Caney Branch Restaurant on  
the Newport Hwy. (Rt. 321), at 6 p.m. They  
have a buffet or you can order from the menu.

It is located 2 miles past the Nolichuckey  
River 'Love Bridge', on the right (by the  
Caney Branch Vol. Fire Dept.) If you can  
pick up 2-3 riders at the church, let Joan  
know.

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 5. Debbie Leng, Tony Burkey  
Julia Ann Doane, Pat Minatra
- 8. Mandy Scott, Patricia Quarles
- 10. David Kilday
- 11. Mark Abelson
- 12. Jean King
- 13. Mac McCarson
- 16. Helen Britton
- 17. Kay Grissom
- 18. Whitney Ball
- 19. Fran Gregory
- 23. Glen Mitchell
- 24. Tammy Waldrop, Paul Scott
- 25. Tom Paxton, Weston Collins
- 28. Michela Wood
- 29. Mary Emma Henley
- 30. Ruth Bible

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**APRIL USHERS**

Richard Adams, Todd King, Tim Leonard,  
Chad Ricker, Ron Metcalfe

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**THANK YOU**

To my Church Family, words cannot express  
my appreciation to you for all the prayers,  
cards, flowers, calls, visits and memorials  
that I received during Lu's sickness and  
death. Your support means so very much to  
me.

*Thank you,*

*Richard Meade*

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**Easter Schedule**

**April 1 - Palm Sunday**

(No Early Service) 10:30 a.m. Easter Cantata

**April 5 - Maundy Thursday**

5:30 p.m. Meal 6:45 p.m. Service in the  
Sanctuary

**April 6 - Good Friday**

**(Church Office Closed)**

7:00 p.m. Service in the Sanctuary

**April 8 - Resurrection Sunday**

Sunrise Service at the Church (Time to be announced.)

Breakfast following Sunrise Service

(in the fellowship hall)

9:20 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Morning

Worship

(No Evening Activities)

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**GRADUATE SUNDAY**

Our Graduate Sunday will be April 29. The  
graduates that we have listed are Hayley  
Gregg, Joslin Ellis, Josh Gregg & Abby  
Miles. If you know of any other graduates,  
please contact Amy Thomas or the church  
office as soon as possible.