

Christ United Methodist Church

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Newsletter

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May 1, 2007
Pastor

Tim B. Bracken,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

I know it's hard to believe, but it is already time to start preparing for Vacation Bible School (June 3 - 7). In order to really make VBS a success, we need the help of our entire congregation. There is some way that everyone can help with VBS. I realize how busy each of you are; I know how tired you are after working all day. I understand that you have very little spare time. I would not ask for your help if VBS was not so important. In my opinion, VBS is one of the most important events in our church year. There are many children growing up in our community today who have no church background and know nothing about Jesus or his sacrifice for them. How will these children ever come to know Jesus if we don't tell them about Jesus?

Please, Please, help us teach the children about Jesus! When you are asked to help with VBS, please say yes. Remember what Jesus said in Matthew 19:14, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Thank You & God Bless You,
Haden Scott

Note: A VBS Supply List will be available soon as to what we will need. Keep in mind that we need Kool-Aid and cookies. You may begin bringing these items at any time. Also, if you are interested in working in the kitchen during VBS, please talk to Kellie.

STEWARDSHIP FOR APRIL 22, 2007

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	9
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	94
Sunday School	44
Evening Worship	13

OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 3,368.79

By Mail & Other	550.00
Sunday School	31.00
Morning Worship	2,787.79

OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 1,090.00

Memorial Fund	265.00
Native Awareness Sunday	10.00
His Kids	150.00
Rebekah Simmerman	100.00
Mission Trip	500.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Christian Literature	40.00

TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 4,458.79

The Stewardship & Offering Report for April 29 will be listed in the next Newsletter.

TRUSTEES' MEETING

Sunday, May 6 - 11:30 a.m.
(Please meet in the parlor.)

INSPIRATIONAL GROUP

The Inspirational Group will meet Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. Please meet at the home of Flo Mitchell. Kellie Bracken will have the program.

MOTHER'S DAY LISTING

For the cost of \$1, you may list your mother's name (in honor or in memory). **Deadline to list names is Sunday, May 6.**

MEMORIALS

Nannie Stanton

Bob & Pat Bradford
Glenn & Shirley Eddington
Dottie Leonard & Family

Genevieve Venerable

Mark & Dawn Hamilton
Paige & Brandon Hull
Gene & Jean King
Dottie Leonard & Family
Mack & Flo Mitchell
John & Martha Roach
Charles & Nancy Worley

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

On Saturday, **May 12** (a changed date), we will be at another fairly new and delightful restaurant - Smoky's (guess how most of their meats are prepared), in Dandridge, at 6:00 p.m. Be prompt, if you want to sit with our group - a cluster of 4 large booths.

Use which ever route you choose to get to the Dandridge area; entering town via Rt. 25 W. At the yellow caution light in town, at the Visitor's Center, turn left onto Hwy. 92. Go one block and Smoky's will be on your left, across the street (149 E. Main St.). Ladies: after dinner, there's a wonderful gift shop in the restaurant to explore. It's like a miniature Cracker Barrel restaurant!

J.O.Y. picnic date changed to **June 30!**

Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 13

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL MENU

May

9 - chicken pot pie, fruit salad,
rolls & dessert

*This will be our last Family Night Meal. They will
resume sometime in August.*

**2007 Holston Annual Conference
Mission Offering
"Living God's Dream"**

Through the United Methodist Church Brazil
We will receive a "special offering" on
Sunday, May 13. This offering will be taken
to Annual Conference (June 10 - 13).

UMW SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCE

May 19 & 20 - Lake Junaluska

Reservation forms are available in the church
office.

FOOD BANK

Summer will be here soon, and the kids will
be out of school. So, the Food Bank needs
lots of 'kid friendly' foods for that time.

Such as (but not limited to): peanut butter,
jelly, crackers, cold cereal, dry milk,
canned pasta-type meals, soup, canned fruit,
juice, and Kool-Aid/powdered drinks.
Please put items in our Food Bank basket on
the floor across from the church office.
If every family could donate just one item,
that would help so much.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the kind deeds shown to
us during our time of sorrow. We appreciate
all the prayers, visits, cards, phone calls,
memorials and the lovely luncheon served to
the family.

*God Bless,
Franklin & Joann
Leeroy & Della*

ATTENTION! UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Don't forget your school supplies for Holston
Home. The basket is in the hallway outside
the church office.

Food Buckets For Zimbabwe-Maria Humbane

Just a reminder that your Food Buckets and the \$5 donation
are due by June 3.

ALASKA 2007

The group has been set, and we are sending 19
folks from our church to help Fran Lynch. At
present, our financial need is \$23,000. I realize
that is a lot of money. We have in hand a little
over \$7,000, and so we are a third of the way to
our goal. Thanks in advance for your help.
Remember, we go as a representation of Christ
UMC, and so your prayers and finances are
most important as we rally together as one to
make this trip. If you have any questions,
please do not hesitate to talk with Vicki or Kellie.

Fund-Raisers for Mission Team

Sue Perettie and Carolyn McCarson have
knitted **snugly shawls to help raise money** for
our Mission Team. The shawls and the
donation price are on display in the fellowship
hall.

Mission Team members are selling **Food City
Community Cash Cards**. If you shop at Food
City, please purchase cards from the Mission
Team to pay for your food purchase. You can
purchase Gift Cards in \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100
increments. You go to Food City and use
these cards to purchase your groceries. The
cards are used for the full value. Food City
allows us to keep 5% of what we sell.

There will be a **UMW sponsored Mission
Dinner** on Sunday, May 20, following our
morning worship. Menu to be announced.

Did you know??

In 1907, Anna Jarvis, began lobbying for a day
when our nation would honor mothers. She
persuaded the leaders of the church her mother
attended to designate the second Sunday of May
as Mother's Day. After Mrs. Jarvis had written
countless letters to political authorities across the
nation, by 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in
almost every state. In 1914, President Woodrow
Wilson proclaimed Mother's Day a national
holiday. He chose the second Sunday in May for
the annual celebration. The second Sunday in
May was the anniversary of the death of Mrs.
Jarvis' mother.