

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2009 Altar Flower Chart is now up on the wall beside the elevator on the first floor. Please sign up for altar flowers, especially during **January, February, and March**.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES

There are lots of Christmas cards that have not been picked up. Please remember to check the Christmas card boxes across from the elevator on the first floor to see if you have any cards to pick up.

DIRECTORY PICTURES

There are several directory pictures at the Welcome Center desk that have not been picked up. If you have not received your directory pictures, please check at the Welcome Center desk.

JOIN THE FITNESS FUN

If you are interested in working on stretching, core body strength, and balance activities in order to maintain a good quality of life, consider joining Adult Fitness. The winter session, which meets on MWF, begins on Monday, Jan. 5th. The class meets in room 215, 8:55-10:00 a.m., and is open to anyone who is interested in participating in a supportive group environment. Exercise is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle and being part of a group with a specific time works best for most individuals. New members are welcome to this class for which the only cost is a bit of time and the willingness to invest in your health. **Prospective new members call Mary Belle Ginanni @ 895-6072 for further information.**

PRISON MINISTRY SUPPER

We are having a good ole down home southern fish fry and yes, we will even fry the potato, that's what makes it southern. We are trying to raise funds to help our Brothers and Sisters who have fallen down and need a little help and love from us. The fish fry will be Saturday, January 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in the family life center. Pastor O'Bannon will fire up his big black pots and he will be assisted by our other great chef, Daryn the Friar Chavis. Tommy, Carlos and Miriam are our potato peelers and Josh will make sure we stay within our budget. And of course Dewey Smith will be the official taster just to insure the quality is up to par. Please call the office (893-1322) and sign up early so we can order enough food and drinks. Bob Garlin, the Chaplin, and Lt. Salandy will share with us and they will have a female and male inmate share also.

LIFE IS HARD, GOD IS GOOD

2009 WOMEN'S RETREAT

*In the silence of all that you face,
God will give you His mercy and grace*

On February 6 we are headed to the mountain, and we want you to come with us! The women's annual retreat at Beersheba Springs Assembly will soon be here. Find our registration table each Sunday in the narthex, or you may register at the church office during weekdays.

Mark the date: Feb 6-8. Cost is \$130 (includes lodging/food/t-shirt/crafts). Pay prior to Jan 11, cost is \$120. Scholarships available; email mseyler@fumcm.org.

2009 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY IS COMING!

Our Guide Book & Directory for 2009 will be coming soon. This handy book is delivered to your home annually, and is the "who, what, where, why, and how" of our church. It is provided to us at no cost. Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the church office at 893-1322 or call project leader Mark Johnson at 512-4221. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It will "pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

KEEP YOURSELF UP-TO-DATE IN THE GUIDE BOOK

Was your family information up-to-date in last year's Guide Book & Directory? Now's the time to update your info with any changes, additions, or deletions that have occurred in your family over the past year. Also, if your phone number and address aren't correct, it's time to fix them. If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the 2009 Guide Book & Directory will be correct. Call the church office at 893-1322.

MEALS FOR ROOM IN THE INN MINISTRY

Room in the Inn is a homeless shelter in our community that provides temporary shelter to single adults and families. The first Friday of each month our church provides the evening meal to Room in the Inn. We currently have a need for classes, individuals, or groups who would be interested in sponsoring and delivering meals for February 6th and March 6th. Meals may be prepared or catered to feed a group of 25 residents. If you or your group would be interested in participating in this wonderful opportunity to serve, please contact **Byron Lynn at 907-5090**.