

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

Jim Hannah-Vanderbilt Hospital (no visitors)
Dave McIntosh-St. Thomas Hospital
Kristen Jackson-At Home Judy Dickson-At Home
Gay Kizer-At Home Jenny McCluskey-At Home
Ben Ferguson-At Home Larsen Purvis-At Home
Mike Hyde-At Home Joe Christian-At Home
Elizabeth Ann Hibbler-At Home Harold Coke-At Home
Rick Butler (Ava Eaton's son-in-law)-At Home
Martha Sarah Brandon-At Home
(Allan Brandon & Ellen Evans' mother)
Mary Crutcher (Ken Crutcher's mother)-At Home
Patsy Burton (Anne Nall's sister)-At Home
Nancy Butler (Craig Butler's mother)-Tunica, MS
Hugh & Ruth Tomlin- Hospital & Rehab, AL
(Linda Prichard's brother-in-law & sister)
Nora Hinton-West Meade Place, Health Care Ctr., Nashville

MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Chris Nall, Jeffrey Parks, Jeff Walker, Doug Brown, John Reynolds, Matthew Gardner, Nathan Gardner, Mason Harlow, Luke Naughton, William Rhome, Tim Ferguson, Nicholas Phillips, Ingram Cope, Josh Berry, Clint Ervin, Chase Moss, Josh Thurman, Ben Cahill, Michael Maglio, Jr., Hugh Hanna, Lloyd Denny, Mark Collins, David Walker, Blake Troutman, Richard D. Forth, Mark Thomas, Brandon Kyle Hall, Matt Crisafulli

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Today, 1:30-4:00 pm

First UMC of Tullahoma, 208 W. Lauderdale Ave.
Tullahoma, TN 37388 - 931-455-5434

Participants will have the opportunity to attend any one of 16 workshops offered beginning at 2:00 pm and ending at 4:00 pm. Representatives from specialized ministries of the TN Conference and the Murfreesboro District will have informative displays and materials for you to examine (Disaster Response Ministry, Lay Speaking Ministry, Native American Ministry, Stephen Ministry).

ROAD RUNNERS LUNCH TRIP TO CHRISTIANA

The Road Runners will be road riding southwest on Thursday, January 29th, for a lunch trip to Miller's Grocery. A bus for hungry Methodists will be leaving the church at 11:00 am and will be returning to the church at approximately 1:30 pm. Deadline to sign up is TODAY! You may make your reservation by emailing tperkings@fumcm.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU FOR 01/28/09--Italian Night: Spaghetti Bake, Corn on the Cob, Garlic Bread Sticks, Garden Salad, and Strawberry Cake; Snack: Hamburger, Chips, Fruit Cup, Cookie
**Please remember to cancel your dinner reservations if you will not be attending a dinner. You may fill out a reservation card to cancel with the information or call the church office at 893-1322.

FUMC "GREEN TEAM" FORMING

Want to make our wonderful church building a healthier place to worship? Reduce its utility bills? Set an example to the community in environmental stewardship? If so, contact Clark Denson at 220-6167 or clarkd78@gmail.com and become a part of the Murfreesboro FUMC "Green Team." First meeting will be Tuesday, January 27, 6:00 pm in room 114.

HYMNALS

The Hymnals from our downtown location are no longer in use. Church members that donated these hymnals will have the opportunity to pick up their donated hymnal to keep. The hymnals will be in boxes in the Fellowship Hall from January 28 until February 11. The hymnals that are not picked up by February 11 will be donated to other United Methodist organizations. If you know that you had a Hymnal placed in "Honor or Memory" of your loved one look under your loved ones' last name. If you placed a Hymnal in "Honor or Memory of Loved Ones" or to the "Glory of God" you will find it under the giver's name.

"SHARE THE WARMTH"

Urgent!!! The Women of the Word Circle is collecting new and "gently used" winter gloves, scarves, hats and mittens for the needy and homeless here in Murfreesboro. We will be delivering them to the Journey Home Ministry for distribution. Women's, Men's and Children's sizes are welcome. Please place your donations in the "Share the Warmth" box located at the East entrance of the church.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT LAY SPEAKER & LAY LEADER BANQUET

You are invited to a dinner honoring all District Lay Speakers and Lay Leaders on Friday, Feb. 6th, at 6:30 pm. in the fellowship hall of our church. Cost is \$10.00. Reservations must be received in the Murfreesboro District Office by Wed., January 28th. You may pick up a registration form at the Volunteer desk by the church office.

FILL THE LOFT

Did you ever think, "I would like to try singing in the choir, but I'm afraid they won't want me in the choir" or "I don't think the choir has room for me?" Well, don't be afraid and we have plenty of room. We have 80 chairs available in the choir loft. We would like to fill them up every Sunday in both services. In order to make this grand vision a reality we need members of the congregation to make the commitment to use their gift of singing 3 Sundays per month. You have two options from which to choose. You can rehearse on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. and sing with the choir during our 8:30 a.m. traditional worship or you can rehearse at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and sing with the choir during our 11:00 a.m. traditional worship. Either option is a good one and you will truly be blessed and wonder "why didn't I join the choir sooner?" Just show up at a rehearsal, we will take care of the rest. Your presence is needed and appreciated by everyone in our congregation.

ATTENTION LADIES!

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!

We are so excited to start the new year with a great new study by Beth Moore - *Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman*. As you can see, the title is very timely. The study is "an in-depth and very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance." Just as stress and hardships never change, neither does our God. Please join us and be amazed by this story of His provision and help to Esther and to us. This 10-week study begins on Friday, February 13th, and meets from 9:30-11:30 am in room 112. Nursery is provided. Reservations are not required but if you need nursery services and/or have questions about the study, please contact Charlotte Lynn at 907-5090. We look forward to a great time!

MOTHER'S DAY OUT 2009 REGISTRATION

Mother's Day Out 2009 registration will begin on February 2nd for present Mother's Day Out and church members, February 4th for preschool members, and February 9th for the community. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the West Wing (Children's wing). There is a \$75.00 registration fee. Child must be 1 or 2 by September 30, 2009. For more information contact the director, Julie Trollinger (893-1322 ext. 38).

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STUDY

You are invited to the Fellowship Sunday School class in room 218 at 9:45 each Sunday morning. Starting Sunday, February 1st, we will begin a study on "The Name Of Jesus." Come and join us.

BREAKTHRU SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS STUDY

Last Sunday the BreakThru Sunday School class began a study "The Last Eyewitness: The Final Week" a project from the Voice - as told from John's point of view as he relives Christ's last week before the crucifixion. This fascinating story of Christ's final week is retold with commentary and art by Chris Seay, David Capes, Rob Pepper, Lauren Winner, Greg Garrett, and Brian McLaren. "The Last Eyewitness" includes commentary told in John's voice with comments from Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The compelling story gives you the sense of being around a campfire with first century believers, hearing the story directly from John. So come into the story with us, smell the mixture of the salty air and billows of smoke floating from the bonfire and hear the last eyewitness. Break-Thru meets in room 216. All are welcome!

WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 6-8, 2009 Beersheba Assembly

Women are gifted by God to be *nurturers*, but in that role, we often find ourselves spent, both emotionally and physically. Our 2009 women's retreat is an opportunity to come away from the daily responsibilities we bear and be renewed. Register today in the narthex or on weekdays in the church office. Join Pastor Seyler for a season of prayer, inspiration, and fun activities on Monteagle Mountain. \$130 fee includes lodging, food, t-shirt, and crafts. Scholarships available. Email mseyler@fumcm.org.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

WESLEY FOUNDATION AT MTSU

The 31st annual Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Wesley Foundation at MTSU on **Saturday, February 7**, from **7:00 AM to 10:00 AM**. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Tickets are available from members of the Board of Directors, the Wesley Foundation office and at the door on February 7. All funds raised will support the ministry of the Wesley Foundation on the MTSU campus. The Wesley Foundation is located at 216 College Heights Ave. Phone 893-0469

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**.

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.

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

The United Methodist Women (UMW) reminds you that next Sunday is the Sunday that we are asking you to bring food for the Rutherford County Food Bank. There will be a big round container at the East, West, and Back entrances next Sunday for you to put your non-perishable foods. We will be collecting food the first Sunday of each month, when you think of Communion Sunday, think BRING FOOD. We will also be accepting food any day during the week and will take the food to the Food Bank each month after Communion Sunday. Your help to feed the hungry will be greatly appreciated.

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.

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 **February, March, and April**.



Up & Coming @
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JANUARY 25, 2009

ACOLYTES

8:30 AM Abby Gass and Adam LaPorte
11:00 AM Rebecca Soetje and Ashleigh King

CRUCIFER

8:30 AM Jeffrey LaPorte 11:00 AM Rachel Soetje

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tom and Georgia Lynch and family in the loss of Georgia's aunt, Elizabeth Ellen Herrod, who passed away Tuesday, January 20, 2009.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed into our church family last Sunday **Greg and Mary Sample** of 2111 Stillwell Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.

We welcome into our church family today (11:00 AM) : **Abe and Mandy Freeland** of 1711 Satinwood Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. They have one daughter, Ava Grace, who is being baptized today. Their home phone number is 494-1310.

Brandon Michael and Katie Pollack of 10018 Syracuse Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167. Their home phone number is 785-4006.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of my daughter, Martha and my grandson, Damian, by Mary Gammon.