

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

Jim Hannah-At Home (no visitors) Gay Kizer-At Home
Horace Beasley-MTMC Mike Hyde-At Home
Sue Ridley-MTMC Larsen Purvis-At Home
Kristen Jackson-At Home Dave McIntosh-At Home
Harold Coke-At Home Judy Dickson-At Home
Jim Bishop-St. Thomas Hosp Joan Hooper-At Home
Elizabeth Ann Hibbler-At Home
Sybil White-Woodbury Health Care Ctr.
Katherine Chapman-Baptist Hospital Rehab
Irvin Hoover (Margaret Ellis' uncle)-At Home
Valarie Grace Welch (Carolyn Hopper's grandniece)-St. Jude's
Becca Zeisler (John Boston's niece)-Massachusetts Hospital
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
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

NEW MEMBERS

- We welcome into our church family (8:30 AM Sanctuary):
- **Damon and Carrie Loftis** of 805 Bradyville Pk., Apt. 1315, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. Their home phone number is 735-7893.
 - **Rodney and Stacy Porth** of 3001 Meadowhill Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37130. They have two children, Ella Grace and Ashlyn. Their home phone number is 890-5270.

RUTHERFORD COUNTY LAITY will meet Monday, Feb. 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at Bethel UMC.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU FOR 02/25/09 "Biblical Meal for Ash Wednesday"-Fish, Bread, Cheese, Olives, Dates, Onions, Raisins, Figs, Cucumber, Eggs, Honey, etc.; **Snack**: Fish Sticks, Cheese, Grapes, Crackers, 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.

NEW CARPENTER'S CLASS

Singles and couples of all ages are welcome to join a newly forming Sunday School class with an emphasis on stewardship and outreach services. This Bible discussion study will begin with the book of Romans on Sunday, March 1, in room 114. The Carpenter's class will emphasize service to both church members and the community with the long term goal of outreach services and development of a large scale disaster response team. The classes will begin with fellowship from 9:45 to 10:00 and continuing in study until 10:45 am each Sunday morning. Come and join us in learning more about God's word as well as helping those in need.

"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.

ESL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

ESL (English as a Second Language) needs volunteers to work in the nursery for special occasions during the week from 10:30 am till 12:00 noon. If you are interested, please contact Ruth Hodges (217-2789) or Carlos Uroza (893-1322).

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

MEN'S CHURCH LEAGUE SOFTBALL

Men's Church League Softball is fast approaching. Any interested players please contact Scott Leifheit at 631-1484 or Mark Talmadge at 482-6563.

PARISH NURSING

The Nurture Ministry Group is looking for RNs and LPNs who would be willing to volunteer a portion of their Sunday mornings to a new Parish Nursing ministry here at First Church. If there are any nurses interested in giving about thirty minutes of the Sunday School hour either one to two Sundays a month, please contact Barbara Austin barbbaustin@juno.com at 895-2935 or Tommy Perkins 893-1322 or tperkins@fumcm.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Nurture Ministry Group announces a special six week grief support group for any one over the age of 18 who has experienced the loss of a loved one. The grief support group will meet every Wednesday night in room 215/217 starting at 6:00 pm on March 11th through the last session on April 15th. This study/support group will end each Wednesday by 7:30 pm and will be facilitated by the Reverend Jackie Clevenger. There is no fee for this support group, but pre-registration is necessary and must be completed no later than Monday, March 9th, by calling the church office at 893-1322.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

It's almost time for our blood drive for 2009. It will be on Wednesday, March 18th, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Red Cross bus will be parked in the east back parking lot and sign up will be in the Family Life Center. I know that we have a lot of people that give on a regular basis so I would ask that you please put this on your calendar so that you will be able to give. The Red Cross needs blood. They are running low on certain blood types, so please come out and show support for this great cause. Dewey Smith, Missions Director

DIRECTORY PICTURES

If you did not order any extra directory pictures, please check at the Welcome Center desk to see if your free picture is there. There are still several that have not been picked up.

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 **May, June, and July**.

Up & Coming @ FUMMC

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FEBRUARY 22, 2009

ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

We will observe Ash Wednesday with a special service in the sanctuary on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, at 6:30 p.m. With the imposition of ashes, we affirm our repentance and confession of sins. We experience God's saving grace in Christ.

NEW MEMBER NAME TAGS

If you have recently joined the church, please find your name tags located on the Welcome Center desk in the Narthex. Please notify volunteers at this desk if you would like your picture to be posted on the New Member board.

LENTEN STUDY

Thomas Long, Candler School of Theology at Emory University, says of our book, **Living Loved**, "*Peter Wallace takes us on a breathtaking voyage, seeking along the way the kind of love that doesn't pander to sentiment, but puts wind in our sails and sends us out into the deep sea of meaning and service.*" Books available in the narthex and for the next week in the church office (\$13.00). Pastor Seyler invites you to walk through this Lenten journey on Wednesday afternoons, **4:30-5:30 pm, March 4 through April 1, in room 112.**