

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

Betty Ferguson-MTMC
Mike Hyde-MTMC
Jim Hannah-At Home (no visitors)
Horace Beasley-Adams Rehab
Sue Ridley-Adams Rehab
Jean Molloy-Adams Rehab
Elizabeth Ann Hibbler-At Home
Clara Delbridge-Richland Place, Nashville
Katherine Chapman-Rutherford Co. Community Care
Irvin Hoover (Margaret Ellis' uncle)-At Home
Valarie Grace Welch (Carolyn Hopper's grandniece)-St. Jude's
Becca Zeisler (John Boston's niece)-At Home
Mary Crutcher (Ken Crutcher's mother)-At Home
Patsy Burton (Anne Nall's sister)-At Home
Nancy Butler (Craig Butler's mother)-Tunica, MS

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, Thomas Hosfelt

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR (Sanctuary) celebrates the birth of **Anna Elizabeth Clark**, born to Jerry and Julie Clark on Saturday, March 21, 2009. Anna has one older sister, Catherine Regan.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our church family (**11:00 AM Sanctuary**) **Joseph "Joe" and Beverly Cappelletti**. They have two sons, Michael and Paul.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONCERT

Come and see all of our children and youth vocal and handbell choirs in the Spring Choral Concert. The concert is at 4:00 pm this afternoon in the Sanctuary with a youth "Smoke House" fundraiser dinner following the concert. Five children's choirs and three youth choirs will offer great musical selections and the program will conclude with a short musical based on the Tale of Three Trees. The concert is free and open to the public.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will close at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 10th, in observance of Good Friday.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Church-wide Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 11, at 11:00 am. The hunt is for all children through the 3rd grade. 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are asked to hide the around 4,000 eggs at 10:00 am behind the church. Please bring to the church by Thursday, April 9th, 1 dozen stuffed plastic Easter Eggs per child. After the hunt there is lunch; we ask everyone to help by bringing an item to share such as fried chicken, sandwiches, chips, brownies, cookies, veggie tray, fruit tray, etc. The church provides lemonade and paper products. If it is pretty, we will eat outside on the east side lawn so bring blankets and chairs you would like to eat on. The hunt is divided into 3 age brackets: toddler through 3; and 4, 5, & Kindergarten; and 1st, 2nd & 3rd grades.

UMW SPEAKER

UMW hosts speaker on Refugee Resettlement this Tuesday, April 7th, at 10:30 am in room 112. Refugees are individuals who have a "well-founded fear of persecution." Specifically, this means that they are targeted because of their religious or political beliefs, or their social standing or membership in a particular social class. Refugees must flee their countries to save their lives, usually leaving with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Join us to hear Marcheta Claus, Volunteer Coordinator for Refugee Services, give a program on how Refugees resettle in the Nashville area.

REACHING OUT TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

My belief is that all of God's children were created by Him and He loves them all and all His children need the opportunity to learn about and experience God's love and grace. In saying that, I hope to begin a new ministry at our church to love, comfort and fellowship with those children and their families with special needs. On April 20, I invite all interested persons to come to a meeting to discuss a volunteer program designed to help and "buddy" with those children in our church who have special needs. We will discuss what this program might look like; how to access and train volunteers for the program and criteria for those children who will participate in the program. We will meet at 6:30 in room 206. I hope to see many people there.

In His Service, Tami Smith

SENIOR ADULT WEEK

April 19th-23rd

Please mark your calendars for a full week of events celebrating Senior Adult Ministry:

- The week begins Sunday the 19th at 12:18 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a **Senior Adult Reception** lifting up and honoring our Sr. Adult Ministries.
- The **Senior Adult Spring Overnight Retreat** will follow on Tuesday, April 21st, and Wednesday, April 22nd. The Retreat is entitled, "Head for the Hills Cruising into the Sonlight," at Beersheba Springs Assembly with keynote speaker, The Reverend Diana DeWitt. Registration information is located in the church office and at the Welcome Center. You may sign up to ride the bus departing the church at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April 21st, and returning early afternoon around 2:00 pm.
- Thursday, April 23rd, the **Road Runners** will enjoy a wonderful trip to Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and the Loveless Café. We will leave the church at 8:45 am and return by 4:00 pm. The registration fee will be \$15.00 to be received at the church office no later than Monday, April 20th. Lunch will be by dutch treat at the Loveless.

Please contact Tommy Perkins at 893-1322 or tperkins@fumcm.org if you have any questions.

LOAVES AND FISHES SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY

The Loaves and Fishes Campaign this year was divided into two parts. The first part was the financial commitment in which church members made their financial pledge to the 2009 church operating budget. The second part is the church member's service commitment to the church. Each Sunday through May 17 our seven ministry groups will give a brief witness at each worship service to remind us what your service commitment to the ministry of 1st Church makes possible. Your service commitments will be for a one year period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. When you receive the service opportunities brochure and commitment card, you will be asked to prayerfully consider the areas in which you will serve. Sunday, May 24th, will be our Service Commitment Sunday.

CHURCH WIDE RETREAT - MAY 1-3

"Come to the Table" is our theme this year as we gather at Beersheba for our Church Wide Retreat. Join us for this wonderful, spirit filled weekend as members young and not so young gather to play, fellowship, worship, and pray together. Registration has begun. Please look for our registration box in the narthex. There is a 10% discount for those who register by April 15. After that...full price.

ANCIENT TRADITION OF PRAYER

The ancient tradition of *Morning Prayer* transformed my life. Perhaps this daily practice will also change your life. Join us beginning April 13th, **Monday – Friday, 7:00-7:20 AM**, in the Sanctuary. Come prepared to praise and pray and listen, as we begin each new day. *Pastor Seyler*

THE CARPENTERS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SUMMER MIA EVENT

This summer the Carpenters Sunday School class is starting a MISSIONS IN ACTION program that will help people in our church and the community. We would like to start with the needs of the church so here is what we are offering. We can do house repairs, yard maintenance, build porches, wheelchair ramps, paint and a little bit of everything else. Please call Dewey Smith at church 893-1322 or e-mail at dsmith@fumcm.org with the details of what you need and a team will go by and assess the job to see if we can do the work. We look forward to what God has for us as we serve others with labor and the love of Jesus Christ.

SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

This summer from June 8 to June 27, David and Kristi Shamburger will direct a Summer Theatre Camp for children and youth ages 5-15 right here at First United Methodist Church. They have led this camp as part of Campus School's Summer Arts Academy for the last three years producing *The Music Man, Jr.*, *Annie, Jr.*, and *Guys and Dolls, Jr.* The camp will meet Mondays-Fridays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will produce a full scale production of *Fiddler On the Roof, Jr.* All campers will perform. The cost is \$185 for early registration (after May 4th the cost is \$200). If you would like more information and a registration form, email Kristi Shamburger at dksham@yahoo.com. Space is limited so register today!

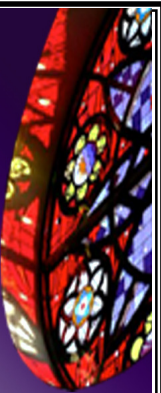
CALLING ALL MENDED HEARTS!

Many of our members have had open heart surgery of some type, complete with cardiac rehab, diet changes, doubts, physical discomforts, medical follow-ups, etc. When Dave and I went through this in January (and we are still in the process with rehab), I sought the advice and support of the only two people in our church whom I knew had gone through this experience. If we have heart healthy recipes or items of interest to share, we can do this through contact. We know that we can and have found strength in one another. If you would be interested in being a part of this support group, please contact me at 615-494-3822.

Sharing the love of Christ in all we do,
Pat McIntosh

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HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Noon Services (April 6-10) in the sanctuary at 12:00 noon followed by lunch in the Family Life Center at 12:30 p.m., served by our Kitchen Staff, Monday through Friday. The charge for the Adult meal will be \$6.00, or you may purchase a 5-day meal ticket on Monday for \$24.00. A Child's meal, 12 & under, may be purchased for \$3.00, or a 5-day meal ticket for \$12.00.

April 9th

Maundy Thursday Holy Communion
and Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



The Eastern (or Golden) Gate in the reconstructed wall that encircles Temple Mound in Jerusalem. The view is from the Mount of Olives. This gate approximates the entrance of Jesus on Palm Sunday. Photo by Michael O'Bannon, January, 1988, taken from a transparency.