

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

Nancy Baker-At Home
Bill Caruthers-At Home
Lizabeth Branson-At Home
Sonny Reynolds-At Home
Ralph Tramel, Sr.-At Home
Charlotte McKnight-At Home
Billie Russell-At Home
Nancy Pierce-At Home
Ben & Betty Ferguson-At Home
Nancy Ross-Sunnington
Rebecca Bennett-Adams Place
Erv Manning-Adams Place Rehab
Betty Caruthers-Northside Health
Arthur Beard (Tami Smith's father)-At Home
Archie Lin (Frank Davis' brother-in-law)-Lake Worth, FL
Frances Marks (Nick Marks' grandmother)-At Home
Lillian Taylor (Chris Taylor's mother)-At Home
Holly Sneed (Tracy Priddy's sister)-At Home
Christine Burns (Jim Burns' mother)-At Home
Dee Berkebile (Terry Dezort's mother)-At Home
Harold Coke-At his brother's residence in Nashville
Christine Cantrell (Ann Graves' mother)-At Home
Clara Delbridge-Richland Place, Nashville
Nancy Butler (Craig Butler's mother)-Tunica, MS

STORM VICTIMS AND FAMILIES

MILITARY AND THEIR FAMILIES

Chris Nall, Jeff Walker, Doug Brown, John Reynolds, Mason Harlow, Luke Naughton, William Rhome, Tim Ferguson, Nicholas Phillips, Ingram Cope, Josh Berry, Clint Ervin, Chase Moss, Josh Thurman, Ben Cahill, Lloyd Denny, Michael Maglio, Jr., Hugh Hanna, Mark Collins, David Walker, Blake Troutman, Richard D. Forth, Mark Thomas, Brandon Kyle Hall, Matt Crisafulli, Thomas Hosfelt, Jay Patton, Zachary Kragness, Heather Clemens, Michael Clemens, Jeremiah Borrajo, Curt Oglesby, Patrick Caukin, Jay Patton

THANK YOU

We would like to thank all those who provided the church staff with "goodies" during this holiday season. Everything was simply delicious!!

BAPTISM

Today we celebrate the baptism of (11:00 AM Sanctuary) **Mason Elliott Hopper**, son of Elliott Bert and Stacia Lois Waltz Hopper. The paternal grandparents are Robert and Carolyn Hopper. The maternal grandparents are Richard and Melody Waltz. Mason has an older sister, Caroline Melody.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcomed into our church family last Sunday:

- **Shawn and Michelle Napier** of 2023 Avery Park Drive, Smyrna, TN 37167. Their home phone number is 931-273-0810.
- **Crystal Armbruster** of 1100 Grantland Ave., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Her home phone number is 217-4702.

WHITE POINSETTIA PICK-UP

The white poinsettias will be removed from the sanctuary this afternoon. Those who have donated white poinsettias may pick them up at the close of the 11:00 service. If this is not convenient, you may pick them this week.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES

Please remember to check the Christmas card boxes to see if you have any cards to pick up.

ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2010 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.

MURFREESBORO DISTRICT LAY LEADERSHIP TRAINING SHEPHERD SCHOOL

Sunday, January 24th, 1:30-4:00 pm
First UMC of Tullahoma

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center desk or in the church office for a list of the workshops offered. If you need more information you may call the District Office at 893-5886.

MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

If you have not returned your 2010 commitment card, you may still do so by placing it in the offering plate, bringing it by the church office, or mailing it to the church office. If you need a 2010 commitment card, there are several located on the ushers' stands, welcome center, or in the church office.

DECEMBER 2009 REVENUE REPORT

Total Received thru 12/20/09	\$1,803,494.37
Total Expected to Receive thru 12/20/09	\$2,137,410.00
51 Wks x \$41,910.00	
SHORTFALL AS OF 12/20/09	\$333,915.63

The end of October shows outstanding contributions against yearly commitments are \$408,044.00

THE CHURCH FINANCIAL YEAR-END IS DRAWING NEAR

The church financial year-end is drawing near. The last Sunday offering will be TODAY, December 27th. In order to receive credit for your financial giving in 2009, all contributions must be received in the Finance office by Thursday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. Any contribution mailed to the church with a postmark of December 31, 2009 will be included in this year's contribution. According to the IRS regulations, anything postmarked after December 31 will be credited to your 2010 giving record.

SHARE THE WARMTH

For the 2nd year, the congregation is invited to "Share The Warmth" to those less fortunate in our area. The W.O.W. Circle is collecting gloves, hats, scarves and throws for both men and women. We find a greater need in the men's area. New items are most appreciated. We will be accepting the items through January 10th for distribution in January. May God bless you as you provide much needed warmth for others.

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENT WELCOME! BACK

FUMC Library: Wednesday, January 13th - 5:00-7:00 pm
Browse and Buy

Meet the Author: Local author, counselor, and frequent speaker, David Thomas will be on hand to discuss and sign his books. David is the son of our own Monty and Barbara Thomas.

Cokesbury Book Fair: Varied selection of books to purchase. Also memorial and honoriam books can be purchased at this time.

HAND IN HAND FOR LOCAL MISSIONS

We now have collection cabinets which will allow us to receive donations for local Missions. The collection cabinets in the foyer at rear entrance and the cabinet at the east wing entrance will be labeled to show where you can place your donations. Each group needing to receive donations should let Josh know what will be collected and the dates the donations will be received. We can then indicate which cabinet will be used to receive the donations.

Rear Entrance Foyer: The outside doors will be unlocked so you can leave your donations. The inside doors to the Fellowship Hall will be locked unless there are activities planned. The collection cabinet will have room for clothing donations for Journey Home in one section. The WOW Circle will collect gloves, scarves, and lap blankets until January 10th in the other section. Shoe Box Ministries will use this section from the middle of January until the end of January for paper towels, toilet paper, liquid dish soap, bar or liquid hand soap, Clorox wipes, and Clorox spray. There will be labels on the doors showing which group is receiving collections. The labels will be changed as needed and the information will be in the Bulletin or Newsletter.

East Entrance: The left side of the cabinet will receive nonperishable food items for Journey Home, Food Bank, and Mission Foods. The shelves will be labeled. The right side of the cabinet will be for The Youth ink cartridges and cell phones and used glasses for Missions. Again the shelves will be labeled. We hope this will help in the collection--LET'S FILL THE SHELVES FOR LOCAL MISSIONS.

2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Be sure to mark the date for the upcoming Women's Retreat on February 19th - 21st. We will be going to Beer-sheba Springs but with a special treat for all of you. The theme is "Loving Well" and we will be using a special Beth Moore study in a retreat format. There will be fun, surprises, fellowship, and good food. You won't want to miss the activities! The registration fee is \$115 which will include four meals, your lodging (with a roommate), and your materials. After January 15th the fee will be \$125, so don't delay. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Pat McIntosh at 494-3822.

10 WEEK MUSIC THEATRE ACTING CLASS
(featuring each student in a Final Showcase)
January 11-March 18
Monday afternoon - 4-6 p.m. for ages 12-18
Thursday afternoons - 4-6 p.m. for ages 5-11
Class size limited to 15, sign up by January 6th
Classes will be held at First Church and cost is \$150 for 10 weeks.

Also offering...
PRIVATE VOICE AND ACTING INSTRUCTION

Ages 12 and up.
MUSIC LESSONS:

A study in piano, voice and theory
Ages 4-11

Cost is \$20 for each ½ hour lesson

Classes and lessons taught by Kristi Shamburger, a professional actress with an MFA in Music Theatre from The University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

www.shamburgerproductions.com

To sign up for classes or more info:

Email: dksham@yahoo.com

MEALS FOR ROOM IN THE INN MINISTRY

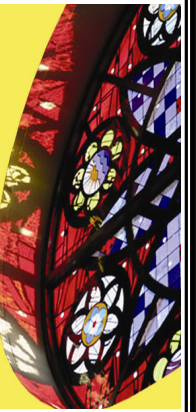
Room in the Inn is a homeless shelter in our community that provides temporary shelter to single adults and families. The first Friday of each month our church provides the evening meal to Room in the Inn. We currently have a need for classes, individuals, or groups who would be interested in sponsoring and delivering meals for Friday, February 5th and Friday, March 5th. 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 809-5203](mailto:ByronLynn@809-5203).

WHAT'S YOUR RESOLUTION FOR 2010???

If it has anything to do with eating healthy, getting fit, losing weight, or just bettering your health in general, you need to attend the **Eat & Be Well** informational meeting on **Thursday, January 14 at 6:30 pm in room 114**. The **Eat & Be Well** program is designed to change your body from an acidic state to a more alkaline state eating whole foods the way God intended, plus losing weight at the same time! Come join us January 14th to hear the facts. You will be glad you did.

Up & Coming @
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An adult should escort any children who may need to leave the sanctuary.

CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAY

Please note that the church office will be closed Friday, January 1st.

FIRST CHURCH WILL HOST THE ANNUAL EPIPHANY RING ON JANUARY 3RD

The Epiphany Ring is a high celebration event, in which bell choirs of the area get together to play "one last time" all the beautiful music of the season. The mass handbell group will perform four selections together and many solo selections. The concert will be held at FUMC on Sunday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. We expect to have 13 handbell choirs participating in this year's concert. This concert is one to put on your calendar and is a seasonal must see!

NEW MEMBER NAME TAGS

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