

PERSONS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION

Larsen Purvis-Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
Joe Trevathan-Vanderbilt Hospital
Doyne Graham-MTMC
Gladys Woodlee (Powers)-Adams Rehab
Nancy Ross-Sunnington
Ben & Betty Ferguson
Erv Manning-Adams Place
Edna McPeak-Adams Rehab
Arthur Beard (Tami Smith's father)
Lillian Taylor (Chris Taylor's mother)
Christine Burns (Jim Burns' mother)
Helen Koelemay (Karen Boston's mother)
Becca Zeisler (John Boston's niece)-Bethesda, MD
Christine Cantrell (Ann Graves' mother)
Clara Delbridge-Richland Place, Nashville
Harold Coke-At his brother's residence in Nashville
Clint Verstymen (Barbara Boswell's father)-Rockford, IL

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, 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, Shawn Napier, Michael Maglio, Jr., John Sneed

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR (Sanctuary) celebrates the birth of **Skylar Kyarra Sheets**, born to Jennifer and Tim Sheets on Monday, March 29, 2010. The paternal grandparents are Lester and Doris Sheets. The maternal grandparents are Gary and Cindy Ruppert. Skylar has one older brother, Colton Montgomery.

SPRING SESSION TO BEGIN

A new session of Adult Fitness will begin on Monday, April 5th, in room 215. If you are interested in enhancing your physical (and mental) well-being, come join us in stretching, working on core body strength and balance activities. The class meets on MWF from 8:55-10:00 am. The cost to you is a commitment to participate regularly. If interested, call Mary Belle Ginanni at 895-6072.

VBS VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

We are looking for around 100 volunteers for our "Galatic Blast" just around the corner (June 21-25). Please come to our organizational meeting on April 7th at 6:00 pm in room 204 and join us for some "Meteor Meatballs", "Mars Bars", "Milky Ways", and other "space" foods. This is always a fun meeting and the VBS staff looks forward to seeing you at this exciting time to learn about our space adventure!!!!

THE GROWING SEASON IS UPON US

In the continuing effort to improve our kitchen, we are embarking on starting an herb garden. We foresee using the garden to provide freshness and quality to our food offerings. We hope to offer: Oregano, Basil, Rosemary, Parsley, and Tomatoes. Any donations of planters, soil and plants (edible and decorative) would be most appreciated as we begin to develop the Church Garden. Thanks, The Kitchen Staff

"FEED MY SHEEP" MINISTRY

In an effort to meet the needs of our membership during an illness or otherwise, we are forming a new committee. This group will get together about six times a year to cook a simple meal to be frozen in portions available for home delivery when a member is released from the hospital, has an extended illness, or just when the need is there. If you know of a member who is unable to cook for themselves or who could benefit from a couple of meals delivered each week, please let us know. If you would like to be on this committee, please notify either Mary Belle Ginanni (895-6072) or Pat McIntosh (494-3822). Remember, many hands make light work and yours are needed. We all are the hands of Christ. Thank you for responding to the call to "Feed My Sheep".

ATTENTION WOW CIRCLE MEMBERS AND OTHER WOMEN OF FIRST CHURCH

Our meeting date is changing to the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning Thursday, April 15th, at 6:30 pm in room 113. Child care will be available. Hope to see you there.

HOPE FOR CREATION: A LIVE SIMULCAST EVENT

Join the largest faith-based gathering ever assembled around Earth Day. Participate in the live international simulcast event on Wednesday, April 21, at 6:30 pm. This simulcast will be held in the Family Life Center. Experience special music and guests, an exclusive look at the new Blessed Earth video series, and engage others across the globe in an interactive setting. Visit www.blessedearth.org for more information.

MTSU WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

Thursday, April 15th at 7:30 pm
Reed Thomas, Conductor

The Pistons and Pipes Series presents The MTSU Wind Ensemble performing Music For Prague 1968. This dynamic program features the works of Czech and Pulitzer Prize winning composers. In addition to Karel Husa's monumental work, Music for Prague, William Bolcolm's Symphony No 1 will receive its premier performance. Other works include the Sokol Fanfare of Leos Janacek and Julius Fucik's Entry of the Gladiators. This free concert series is a collaboration of the MTSU School of Music and First United Methodist Church. A free-will donation will be accepted.

MURFREESBORO AREA SACRED CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, April 25th at 6:30 pm

The choirs from seven area churches will combine their voice here at FUMC in the first annual Murfreesboro Area Sacred Choral Festival. Each choir will be offering one solo selection and the combined choirs of over 200 voices will join together on 6 wonderful selections. This concert is certain to inspire and will be a powerful and moving experience. This concert is free and open to the public.

"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU..."

All children love hearing those words sung to them! On Saturday, April 24th, the Koinonia, New Life, and Regeneration Adult Sunday School classes will be singing them to 60 children as we host a birthday party for Candle Wishes in the Family Life Center at 5:00 pm. Candle Wishes is a local ministry that provides birthday gifts and memorable experiences to 600 needy children in Rutherford County annually. Operating much like the Angel Tree program, each month sponsors "adopt" Candle Wishes birthday children and purchase gifts and needed clothing items that are then presented to the children at a monthly party. The three Sunday School classes will be providing the food, drinks, crafts and games for the party, but we need sponsors to provide gifts for the children. A Candle Wishes information table will be set-up in the Narthex on Sunday, April 11th and 18th, for you to learn more about this special ministry or to select a birthday child to sponsor. If you can't wait until then to learn more, please visit www.candlewishes.org.

Mother Daughter Banquet Registration



*“Everything’s Coming Up Daisies”
The Mother Daughter Banquet is Wednesday, May 5th, beginning at 5:15 with appetizers and portrait photography in the Narthex.
Dinner begins at 6:00
Cost: \$8:00 for adults
\$5.00 for children 11 and under*

Name _____

Phone # _____

No. of Adults _____

No. of Children _____

No. for nursery _____

Reservations must be made by May 4th or cancelled by May 4th. If you register you must pay for your meal if you do not cancel by May 4th.

LIBRARY NOTES

LAST CHANCE for Mimi Moseley’s book, Arm Around Shoulder, Hand Over Mouth; David Thomas’ books, Wild Things, Does This Dress Make Me Look Fat?, Becoming a Dad, & How to Hit a Curve Ball. \$5, \$10, & \$15. Call Dianah Carrington to reserve your copy today (890-2083).

APRIL IS SENIOR ADULT REVIVAL MONTH (April 8th-28th)

Please mark your calendars for twenty-one days that will revive the Senior Adult soul celebrating the transition from a long winter into this glorious spring.

• First, the celebration begins **Thursday April the 8th** from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall with a **Senior Adult Game Day**. Come join Helen and Gerald Noffsinger and friends with an afternoon of essential recreation and re-creation with fun, play, hope, humor, and creativity in an afternoon of leisure and fellowship. There will be group games as well as Chinese checkers, dominos, rook, bridge, jenga, and much, much more. Bring your own game too!

• Next, the **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be one week later on **Thursday, April 15th** with a wonderful meal and a program on the hymnody of the people called Methodist by The Reverend Martha Touchton of St. Mark’s UMC. Reservations must be made for this luncheon by signing up at the Welcome Center, in your Sunday School class, or by emailing tperkings@fumcm.org no later than Tuesday, April 13th. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00.

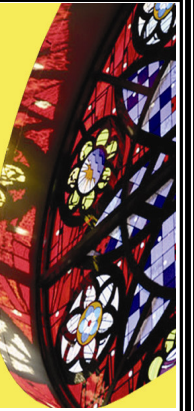
• The **Older Adult Overnight Retreat** will be the climax of our Senior Adult Revival Month on **Tuesday, April 27th and Wednesday, April 28th** at Beersheba Springs Assembly. Our keynote speaker will be The Reverend Roger Hopson who will revive us with "The 3 'L's': Living, Laughing, and Loving In God's Kingdom." Registration information is located at the Welcome Center and must be mailed to the conference office no later than Thursday, April 15th. You may sign up to ride on the Church bus by contacting the church office at 893-1322 or by email tperkings@fumcm.org. The bus will depart (pending enough participants) at 3:00 pm on Tuesday and return early afternoon Wednesday around 2:00 pm.

NURSERY NEEDS

The nursery needs to restock on a few items: baby wipes, AA and C batteries. If you can donate any of these items, please bring to room 108. Thank you!

Up & Coming @ FUMMC

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An adult should escort any children who may need to leave the sanctuary.

MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES SUNDAY

The Many Gifts One Spirit 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 2010 church operating budget. The second part is the church member’s service commitment to the church. Each Sunday through April 18th, 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, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Only the Administrative committees and ministry group positions will run January through December, beginning January 1. 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, April 25th, will be our Service Commitment Sunday.**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome into our church family **Robert (Bob) and Sarah Joyce Coleman** of 2611 Charter Ct., Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Their home phone number is 890-9737.