

MARCH SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

Please come and join us for a St. Paddy's celebration on Thursday, March 19th. You are invited to join us at 12:00 noon for a "grand" meal and fellowship. Following the food we will have a special program celebrating Ireland's patron saint with First Church's own Celtic ensemble, "40 Shades Greener". You may make your reservations by email: tperkins@fumcm.org or by signing up in your Sunday School classes, at the welcome center, or by phoning the church office at 893-1322 no later than Monday March 16th.

THE GIVING CIRCLE

The Giving Circle has adopted the Domestic Violence Shelter in Murfreesboro as our mission focus for the year. We would like to invite you to hear Karissa Krampf, Children's Advocate at the shelter, speak at our next meeting on Thursday, March 19th, at 7 pm in room 115. She will tell us how domestic violence affects those involved, especially children, how the shelter works and what opportunities there are for the community to get involved. Any questions, contact Stacie at 217-7615.

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.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>8:30 Contemporary</u>	<u>Total</u>
Feb 1	313	438	204	955
Feb 8	307	435	140 (+88 Women's Retreat)	970
Feb 15	363	441	151	955
Feb 22	397	426	125	948

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

March 15

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Miriam Seyler
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Miriam Seyler

March 22

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Virginia Yeargins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Virginia Yeargins
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

April 5 (Palm Sunday)

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Miriam Seyler
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH 15

Both the Worship Ministry Group and the Council of Stewards has approved a plan to expand the contemporary worship service to include an 11:00 am Open Table in the Family Life Center. Both Open Table services will be led by a rotation of 3 praise bands under the leadership of Matt Grow, Michael Pardue, and Jonathan Lingle. The first 11:00 am Open Table will be Sunday, March 15. Rev. O'Bannon will be there to preach the first sermon for this new service.

CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION

Our 6th Graders will be Confirmed at 3:30 pm on Sunday, March 15th. We have 36 children being confirmed this year. We hope to see everyone at this special service. A reception will immediately follow the service in the Family Life Center.

PREPARE FOR EASTER

The adult choirs will begin preparations for Easter Sunday at rehearsals this week. If you have been considering singing in one of our adult choirs, this is a great time to begin. There are no auditions required, just arrive at one of the choir rehearsals a minute or two ahead and we will have a folder and a seat ready for you. If you have any questions, email Elliott at epeterson@fumcm.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

It's almost time for our blood drive for 2009. It will be on Wednesday, March 18, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. 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

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING TO BE TAKEN

The United Methodist Committee on Relief welcomes refugees and helps them rebuild their lives. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing help make such lifesaving encounters possible. Dollars raised provide emergency relief, refugee assistance, and hunger ministries in more than 70 countries around the world. Just as we seek to follow His teachings in our local communities, your gift expands our outreach to those who suffer from hunger and puts Christ's words into action around the world. Please give generously **Sunday, March 22nd**, when we take an offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. It will make a world of difference.

ROAD RUNNERS TRIP TO HISTORIC FRANKLIN

Join the Road Runners for a trip to Franklin, TN to tour the historic Carter House followed by a wonderful lunch at Monell's in its new location. We will leave the church on Thursday, March 26, at 9:00 am and return by 4:00 pm. After lunch we plan to have time to visit some of the interesting shops on Main Street, so bring some comfortable walking shoes. Please make your reservation by bringing \$25.00 to the church office no later than Tuesday, March 24th. The \$25.00 will be all inclusive for this trip including admission to the Carter House museum, lunch at Monell's, as well as transportation to and from Franklin. Come and have a great day with us.

