

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. If you would like more information and a registration form, email Kristi Shamburger at dksham@yahoo.com. Space is limited so register today!

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WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

	<u>8:30 AM</u>	<u>11:00 AM</u>	<u>8:30 Open Table</u>	<u>11:00 Open Table</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mar 1	140	417	100		657
Mar 8	235	529	96		860
Mar 15	362	503	92	95	1,052
Mar 22	254	332	100	100	786
Mar 29	247	377	108	118	850

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

April 9 (Maundy Thursday)

7:00 pm Sanctuary Michael O'Bannon

April 12 (Easter)

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 Tommy Perkins
 11:00 am in the Sanctuary Michael O'Bannon

April 19

8:30 am in the Family Life Center Carlos Uroza
 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 Tommy Perkins

April 26

8:30 am in the Family Life Center Virginia Yeargins
 8:30 am in the Sanctuary Carlos Uroza
 11:00 am in the Family Life Center Tommy Perkins
 11:00 am in the Sanctuary Miriam Seyler

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

BEERSHEBA CHURCH WIDE RETREAT

"Come to the Table" is our theme this year as we gather at Beersheba for the Church Wide Retreat. Registration Forms are in the narthex; look for the box and registration sheets beside it. Register by April 15 for 10% discount. After the 15th you will pay full price and it is a BIG difference. The weekend is filled with a wonderful spirit of fellowship, horse shoes, swinging, just relaxing, fun games, hiking and much more. Please join us for this spirit filled weekend May 1, 2, and 3.

Dear Congregation,

All around us we are beginning to see resurrection. The early sprouts and blossoms, the new green on stems and in the fields, the return of singing birds, and the growing warmth of the breeze, all signify a return of life to an earth that would appear dead. It all reminds us of resurrection.

Out of joy and gratitude for the resurrection offered to us in the sacrificial death of Jesus before his own resurrection, many want to make a special gift to the church over and above their regular gifts and tithes. I now write to encourage you to consider doing that. God never needs our money. God only asks for our hearts. When our hearts are aligned with the Lord, we recognize that we have a need to give. The church works best when we partner with God by responding in joy.

A special envelope will be provided in the Easter Sunday bulletin so that you may identify your gift as an Easter Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Most sincerely,
 Michael D. O'Bannon
 Pastor

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.

