

SUPPORT RUTHERFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD BANK

Letter carriers will be picking up non perishable food donations for the Rutherford County Emergency Food Bank again this year. The drive is May 9th, the Saturday before Mother's Day. Residents are urged to place canned and boxed food (no glass containers please) into a sturdy bag and either hang it on the mailbox or leave it next to the mailbox. Canned meats and canned fruits, dried beans, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, and rice are among the most needed items.

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!

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL

	<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>
Apr 5 (Palm Sunday)	400	527	135	71	1,133
Apr 12 (Easter)	706	1,200	175	92	2,173
Apr 19	318	433	135	85	971
Apr 26	200	418	137	94	849

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PREACHING SCHEDULE

May 10

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

May 17

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Youth Sunday
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Carlos Uroza
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Youth Sunday

GOLDEN CROSS OFFERING TO BE TAKEN SUNDAY, MAY 10TH

Many of you have had members of your own church family receive Golden Cross assistance at McKendree. The Golden Cross Fund at McKendree Village, The United Methodist-affiliated continuing care community in Hermitage, was established to help bridge the gap between what many senior adults can afford, and what it actually costs to receive quality care. Your deep commitment, sacrifice and generosity are making possible a new and improved future for McKendree Village as we celebrate our 46th year. Your generous offering on Golden Cross Sunday, May 10th, a simple act of love and tenderness, will be a sacred gift for those senior adults at McKendree Village who have outlived their financial resources. May is designated Golden Cross Month, and First United Methodist Church will join United Methodist churches throughout Middle Tennessee in celebration of Golden Cross Sunday on May 10th.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 7, is the National Day of Prayer. Join us at Morning Prayer for this special time of prayer. 7:00 AM in the sanctuary. We continue to meet Monday-Friday from 7:00-7:15. All are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAY

On Monday, April 27th, Greenhouse Ministries began operating a **Tornado Relief Warehouse** out of the old Goody's location at the Stones River Mall. They need your help! They need volunteers to staff this warehouse, accept donations, sort donations, and help tornado victims pick out the items they need to rebuild a home for their families.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 11:00-4:00 & Saturday 9:00-12:00

Call (615-494-0499) or email Leslie (leslie.mertz@greenhousemin.org) if you are able to volunteer with your dates of availability.

They are also **accepting donations!** These include Furniture, Kitchen Items (pots, pans, dishes, eating utensils), Towels, Sheet Sets, Comforters, Blankets, Lamps

***They will not accept toys, clothing, or miscellaneous items. Call Greenhouse Ministries (494-0499) to schedule a drop off of your items at the Goody's location.**

Dewey Smith, Missions Director

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.

