

United Methodist Messenger

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Talent Show and Auction March 5, 2011 6:00 PM



Our annual Talent Show will be held **March 5, 2011 at 6:00PM.** First, second and third place winners will be determined by

audience participation in a voting process that allows you to vote with your monetary contributions. After an act is finished, baskets will be passed through the aisles. If you enjoyed the act, vote accordingly with your dollars! The act with the most votes wins! As in past years, we will be auctioning off pies as well! Plan to be there to see all the talent as we will be auctioning off the pies in between the acts!

This year's proceeds will go to the **High School Youth Mission Fund.**

Combined Service March 6, 2011 9:30 AM

On Sunday, March 6, services will be combined and start at 9:30am. The **Jake's Boys** will be sharing their gift of music with us for this service. Saturday Night Light service on March 5 is cancelled.

Chili/Oyster Stew Appreciation Supper

The Men's Breakfast Group is sponsoring a Chili/Oyster Appreciation Supper for the emergency workers on Thursday, March 10th, from 5:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. People wanting to help out with this appreciation dinner by providing desserts should contact Kim Fisher at 217-249-3505.

Put your faith into action this Lenten season!



Consider stepping out in mission with a trip to the Midwest Mission Distribution Center on Monday, March 21. Parents, please note - this

is over spring break so kids ages 11 and up could work with you in mission! Those going will meet in the church parking lot at 6:30 am and return by 6 pm. If you have questions, please talk to Kim Fisher.

[Working at MMDC] is an opportunity where each person can have a "hands on" mission experience to fulfill Christ's command to help the "least of these" whose needs are great because of some disaster or circumstance that is not of their making. This developing project is touching the United States and is now reaching out to the larger world.

Church Website www.gcumc3.org

Kevin Boesen —Pastor	Pam Gee —Church Custodian
Barb Horsch —Minister of Children & Family Ministries	Beverly Nagle —Organist
April Rotramel —Administrative Assistant	Ruth Davis —Choir Director
	Verna Buck —Saturday Pianist

Phone 217-784-5452,	Fax 217-784-5543
Saturday Night Light Worship	5:30PM
Sunday Traditional Worship	8:45AM
Sunday School	10:00AM
Sunday Emerging Worship	11:00AM

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Community Lenten Services

Lent is a time (40 days, not counting Sundays) when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Our church has had a tradition of joining with three others (American Lutheran, First Christian and First Presbyterian) to offer special studies at noon on Wednesdays during this season. In place of those studies this year, the pastors have planned a season of short worship services on Wednesday evenings. The services will rotate around the four churches already mentioned plus Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic church. The services will begin at 6:30 and will focus on the Psalms. Each Wednesday the host church will also provide a meal (in most cases, soup & bread) at 5:30 to provide opportunity for community fellowship around the table. Please note there will not be a meal on March 23 when we are invited to observe Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes - their tradition is to fast before worship. The schedule is as follows:

March 9—Ash Wednesday	American Lutheran Church	9:00am Breakfast / 9:30am Program
March 16	First Presbyterian Church	5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Worship
March 23	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church	6:30pm Worship
March 30	United Methodist Church	5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Worship
April 6	First Christian Church	5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Worship
April 13	American Lutheran Church	5:30pm Meal / 6:30pm Worship
April 22—Community Good Friday	First Christian Church	6:30pm Worship



Ash Wednesday

There will be a separate Worship Service here at 6:30pm on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

High School Youth

A delicious brunch will be served immediately following worship with the Jake's Boys. The event will be prepared and hosted by the Senior High Youth work camp team as a fundraiser for their trip to Montana in June. A free will offering will be taken. Among other items monkey bread will be featured! The bread will be served with the brunch but will also be available for purchase by the loaf or half loaf. If you would like to reserve an order of monkey bread for pickup Saturday night (March 5) or Sunday morning, please contact Donna Douglas or Barb Horsch.

Mission Montana - June 26 - July 2, 2011

This year our high school youth will spend a week serving God and neighbor in Busby, Montana. Work campers will be doing home repair on a Cheyenne reservation where 35% of the residents survive in poverty. Please pray for those preparing to go and those who will be served. If God is calling you to this time and this place - there are still openings available for youth and adults to join our team. The team will depart Gibson City on Friday, June 24 and return Sunday, July 3. Please talk to Donna Douglas or Barb Horsch if you are interested.



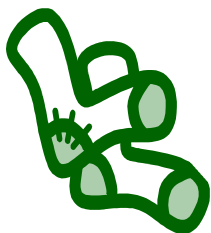
March Birthdays



Lyle Goltz	1	Bryan Bennett	8	Carol Kline	19	Ross Royal	26
Courtney Gramley	1	Arladene Messmore	8	Amy McNutt	19	Gene Everett	27
Grant Kummerow	1	Jill Schultz	8	Jeremy Grider	21	Ruth Davis	29
Doug Eckerty	2	Sandy Kearney	9	Olivia Mullis	21	Lorene Edwards	29
Judy Eckhoff	2	Jeremy Steidinger	9	Cindy Bell	22	Molly Overman	30
Deanna Freehill	2	Karla Miller	11	Alison Cowell	22		
Jane Hill	2	Samantha VanSwol	11	Sarah Chase	23		
Nellie Kinder	3	Angie Woodward	12	Diana Harmon	23		
Meladee Ferguson	4	Ora Lee Coleman	13	Donald Hiner	23		
Janite Barnes	6	Megan Whitehouse	13	Link Woodward	24		
Hope Wilson	6	Imogene Loy	14	Anna Mae Jacobs	25		
Andy Bennett	7	Sandy Reynolds	14	Colleen Lange	25		
Lucas Lange	7	Lauretta McGuire	16	Shirley Rosendahl	26		
Rebecca Littlefield	7	Gavin Main	17	Drake Royal	26		



Happy Birthdays!



March Mission Socks

will benefit

Red Bird Mission.

Stats and Such for February

Giving YTD (budget) through Feb 20	\$ 41,275.44
Giving Goal YTD (budget) through Feb 20	\$ 54,080.00
Giving Goal (budget) each week	\$ 6,760.00
*Other Giving YTD through Feb 20	\$ 9,657.86

Weekend of	Sat 5:30	Sun 8:45	Sun 11:00	SS 10:00	Offering
Jan 30	21	133	15	80	\$5,067.19
Feb 6	18	98	29	86	\$5,441.10
Feb 13	15	144	18	86	\$8,255.09
Feb 20	16	141	19	102	\$4,768.25

*Includes giving for the following missions: Bereavement Meals, Memorials, Designated Giving (Handyman Fund, Cookouts at County Market for Missions, Special Offerings, etc.), Mission Socks, Opportunity School, Organ Fund, Elevator Fund, and Youth Mission Trip. It also includes Interest Income.

March Anniversaries

	Day	Years
Ralph and Marinell Jones	6	52
Roger and Kathleen Reum	6	12
Howard and Jo Nettleton	8	59
Jon and Bonnie Clark	19	23
Rick and Becky Young	20	31
Carl and Connie Reum	21	30
Michael and Kaci Farmer	25	5

Upper Rooms Daily Devotional Guides March—April 2011 Available Now

With meditations written by readers from around the world, the [daily devotional guide](#) is a perfect companion for individual and family devotional time. The guide is available for a donation of \$1 each and can be found just outside the office door. Pick up a copy today! A link to the online version can be found on any page of our website.





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Prayers for the People

Join us in the sanctuary each Monday morning at 9:00 for prayer. Every member of our congregation is prayed for by name. The following people are in need of our prayers:

Teresa Beckman	Donald Hiner	Joni Peters
Joyce Bennett	Hailey Jamison	Judy Peters
Marian Boog	Vivian Imlay (Lorene Edwards daughter)	Ron Probus
Verna Buck	Goldie Kincade	Thelma Probus
Melody Cochran	Imogene Loy	Heather Reum
Mildred Davis	Phil & Malinda Lutz	Dorothy Rudolph
Dusty & Nancy Davis	Bob & Bettie Main	Shanley Family
Ed Eagleson	Louis Miller (Mike Arsenault's grandfather)	Dorothy Shields
Rick & Jean Ertel	Warren Meinhardt (Laura Hazen's father)	Jo Swanson
Jennifer Fancher	Marilyn Morano	Dixie Thomas
Kim & Marci Fisher and family	Mark, Angela and Kailyn Overman	Frank Titus
Ruth Fisher		Jack Weaver
Grace Hanley		Don Williams
Myron Hanley		Emily Young
Ruth Harris		Harold Young

Births, Baptisms, Weddings, Deaths

Dale Riblet passed away on February 18, 2011.

There were no births, baptisms, or weddings recorded in the last month.

Food Pantry Needs

Listed below are the current Food Pantry Needs:

Canned meat
 Sugar
 Jelly
 Pancake mix and syrup
 Low fat/sugar free items

Shampoo and conditioner
 Toilet paper
 Cleaning products



Annex	Manor	Asta Care	Heartland Health	McLean
Verna Buck	Frances VanSwol	John R. Bell	Goldie Kincade	Bill Loy
Doris Young	Ella Mae Miller		Dorothy Rudolph	
	Thelma Probus			
	Judy Peters			

Area Nursing Home Residents

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**2011 Camping Brochure
Available in the Church Office and Online!**

The Illinois Great Rivers Conference camping program is an extension of our local church's disciple-making process. Its mission is to provide settings where campers can have a concentrated period of time to focus upon their relationship with God. Illinois Great Rivers Camps provide a community of fun and faith in which to develop a genuine awareness of others, and the opportunity to foster a growing relationship with Jesus Christ. The Illinois Great Rivers Conference camping program is carried out at six campsites around the state. Find out more at www.igrc.org/Ministries/Camping.

Meal Ministry

The meal ministry is getting started right now. Marinell Jones is the contact person. If you know of someone who has been in the hospital, had a new baby, or some other need and would like a meal brought to them, please call the church office or Marinell Jones. Marinell's phone number is 784-5933, church phone number is 784-5452. If you would like your name added to the list to prepare a meal for someone again let Marinell know.

Thanks to all of you for your help in the new ministry.



Thank you to the following volunteers who made it possible for the Sunday School teaching team to meet for a 'Teacher time Out' on January 30:

Lori Clinton, Staci Ward, Melissa Jamison, Joyce Dewey, Lori Frashier, and Leigh Ann Sharp. Special thanks to Wanda Baird for providing refreshments.

'Time Out' for the teachers included evaluation of the Live B.I.G. curriculum and a discussion on "Called to Care", provided by Barb Horsch.

We sincerely appreciate the dedication of all who work with our G?CUMC Kids! Attending the 'Teacher Time Out': Jennifer Arsenault, Jean, Kent and Sarah Bielfeldt, Laura Hazen, Rhonda Eckerty, Ellen and Doug Maxey, Steve Sharp and Elizabeth Ertel.

Judy Eckhoff, Childrens' Ministries, Chairperson

To all those that sent Valentine Cards, thank you. They arrived on Valentine's Day. It was very thoughtful of you. It is so nice to be remembered.

Sincerely, Jane Hastings

Dear Members,
Thank you for the lovely box of valentines. I enjoyed reading them.
Again thank you,
Clevita Tongate

Thank you all for the wonderful Valentines.
Marianne Boog

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Worship Information for March

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Liturgist	Link Woodward	Tom Borton	Jeff Glascock	Angie Woodward
Greeters West	Frank & Lynne Titus	Bill & Joan Pool	Bill & Joan Pool	Open
Greeters South	Susie Tongate & Family	Larry & Kathy Littlefield	Larry & Kathy Littlefield	Mick & Mary Jo Kingsley
Acolytes	Amber Wittemann & Allison Davis	Danielle Eckerty & Morgan Steinman	Erin Arsenault & Audrey Boss-Maxey	Micah & Jonah Moody
Sound Room 8:45	Lonnie Engel	Steve Hawthorne	Kim Fisher	Lonnie Engel
Projection 8:45	Meaghan Sharp	Sam Horsch	Donna Eckerty	Jessica Hunter
Projection 11:00	Corey Fields	James Fairfield	Jeremy Steidinger	Jessica Schultz
Nursery 8:45	S & J Schultz	S & J Schultz	S & J Schultz	S & J Schultz
Children's Church 8:45	Rhonda Eckerty	Sarah Chase	Open	Open
Altar Flowers	Deonna Sauer	Denny & Nancy Mulvany	Norma Patterson	Beverly Nelson
Saturday Ushers	Open	Susan Schultz	Open	Open

Head Usher for March is Mick Kingsley

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