

# Facts From First

A Weekly Newsletter

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## *Gifts to the Church*

*To the General Fund*

*In honor of the United Methodist Women:*

*Norma Murphy*

*In memory of Lorene Gibbons:*

*Veva Thompson*

*Norma Murphy*

*To the Sudan Orphanage*

*In honor of Kohatha Culpepper:*

*Bob and Sandra Donaghy*

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A Newsletter from First United Methodist Church  
Cleveland, Tennessee

Rev. Tom Seay, Senior Pastor

February 8, 2012

## "Putting Christ First"

### From the Pastor...

#### An Opportunity!

The weekend of March 9, 10 & 11<sup>th</sup> we ask you to set aside, as a family priority, a weekend of worship and fellowship. The scriptures talk about "Where there is no vision, the people perish." A paraphrase might read like this, "When we are not growing spiritually, we are dying." One of this year's goals is to *Go Deep Spiritually*. The weekend of March 9-11, will aid us tremendously.

Rev. Jason Roe, our conference evangelist, will be with us during the March weekend focusing on the "Lordship of Christ." The schedule will look something like this:

Friday	7:00 PM	Worship
Saturday	8:00 AM	UMM Breakfast
	10:30 AM	UMW
	12:30 PM	Youth
	5:30 PM	Covered Dish Dinner & Worship
Sunday	8:30 AM	Early Worship
	10:45 AM	Worship

This is a short time of very focused activity. I hope you can be an integral part of this revival time. Blessings!

In Christ,  
TLS

P.S. – As part of this focus upon spiritual growth, we are also asking the congregation to participate in a prayer vigil (with both revival and Easter in mind). You will have sign-up opportunities very soon.

### Children's Vitamins



We are collecting children's vitamins for the Mary Diana Samuel Children's Home.

You may bring your donations to the church and place them in the marked container in the Commons. *Please bring them by Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THEY ARE  
TABLET FORM ONLY. NO LIQUIDS,  
GELS, CAPSULES, OR GUMMIES.**



**UNITED METHODIST MEN'S**

## CHILI LUNCH

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
THE 10:45 AM SERVICE

YOU MAY HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF CHILI,  
TOPPINGS, CORN MUFFINS, AND CRACKERS!  
*THERE WILL BE PIZZA AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN.*

DONATIONS ARE  
APPRECIATED.

PIES AND CAKES WILL  
BE UP FOR AUCTION  
BID FOR YOUR  
FAVORITE DESSERT!  
ALL MONIES GO TO UMM  
MISSION PROJECTS.



## Get Involved in Bible Study

Dr. Terril and Rev. Chloe Littrell are leading a study on *Revelation* Tuesdays at 10:00 AM.

The study group will meet at the church and all are invited to join. Be sure to bring your Bible!

### Small Group Study

*Titus, Philemon, and James*

Tuesday nights  
from 7:00-8:30 PM

Please contact Doug and Mabel Greene for more information.

### Wednesday Evening Study

Join us for dinner at 5:30 PM and stay for an adult Bible Study at 6:15 PM. There are lots of options for children and youth during this hour as well. See the weekly schedule on the next page.

*You're Invited  
to a Bridal Shower  
honoring*

*Tiffany Norris and Kyle Cooper*

*On Sunday, February 12  
Drop-In from 1:30 to 3:00 PM*

*In the Commons*

*Hosted by: The Seekers Circle  
Registeries: Target, Macy's  
and Bed, Bath, & Beyond*

*Ash  
Wednesday*

**Join us at 6:30 PM  
Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

### *Making A Joyful Noise*

The Joyful Noise Choir will be sharing God's love this Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> to sing at Morningside. We will leave the church at 1:30 PM and return by 3:30 PM. Please call the church office to let us know if your child is participating.

### **Attention: Good News Puppet & Joyful Noise Parents**

We will be performing during the Evening Worship Service on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please have your child here by 5:30 PM. All are invited to join us at this special Communion Service.

### Lenten Giving

The children and youth will be receiving special Lenten envelopes during the next few weeks. We ask that throughout the 40 days of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, for each child collect one quarter a day. This is a great way to promote and encourage stewardship with our children and youth. The collected offering will go to the General Budget Fund.

### **SAVE THE DATE For VBS!**

### **Operation Overboard**

*Dare to Go Deep  
with God!*

**June 26-29, 2012**



We are looking for an assistant director, please contact Jill Ingram or Katie Keeton if you are interested.

## Weekly Activities

### **Sunday, February 12**

- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 1:30 PM Kyle Cooper Wedding Shower
- 4:00 PM Good News Puppets
- 5:00 PM First Youth

### **Monday, February 13**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.
- 9:00 AM Body Recall
- 12:00 PM Body Recall

### **Tuesday, February 14**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.
- 10:00 AM Revelation Bible Study
- 10:00 AM May Dooley Circle
- 1:30 PM Martha Hall Circle
- 7:00 PM Titus Bible Study

### **Wednesday, February 15**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.
- 9:00 AM Body Recall
- 12:00 PM Body Recall
- 5:30 PM Dinner
- 6:15 PM Children's Choirs
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 PM First Youth
- 6:30 PM Chancel Choir
- 7:30 PM FUMC String Band

### **Thursday, February 16**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.

### **Friday, February 17**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.
- 9:00 AM Body Recall
- 12:00 PM Body Recall
- 0:00 PM Confirmation Retreat

### **Saturday, February 18**

Have a great weekend!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- February 19<sup>th</sup> UMM Chili Lunch
- India Mission Team Leaves
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> Ash Wednesday Service
- February 25<sup>th</sup> Camp Lookout Work Day
- February 26<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday
- Administrative Council Meeting
- Worship Service

## *Wednesday Night Dinner*

Pat's Meatloaf

Potatoes Green Beans

Adults \$5.00 Kids \$2.00 (12yrs & under)

**Please make reservations by Monday.**

## **OUR STEWARDSHIP**

*"I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and do all in my power to strengthen it ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."*

## **OUR PRAYERS**

- Our country, our leaders, and our troops
- Dowe Ownby
- Charmaine Ball
- Hope Haney
- Kathy Greene
- Reese Martin
- Joe Lippard
- Austin and Mary Glen Davis
- Barbara Miller
- Bobby Blankenship
- Sarah Bandy
- Gil Frederick
- Lee Howell
- Tommy McLain
- Terry Phillips
- Ed Brown
- Carmen Orr
- Kim Martin
- Freida Hindman
- Doris Mabry
- Betty Staton
- Elaine Larson
- Karen Fisher
- Maxine Baker
- Greyson Wallace

**NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE NAMES FROM THE PRAYER LIST.**

*If you would like to have anyone put on the prayer chain, please call Charlotte Leach at 478-3773.*

## **OUR PRESENCE**

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
01/22/12	101	259
01/29/12	97	260
02/05/12	126	243

## **OUR GIFTS**

Budget Receipts 02/05/12	11,688.66
Receipts to date:	74,166.64
Expenditures to date:	70,733.54
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	3,433.10
Budget to date:	84,303.90

## **OUR SERVICE**

**Ushers:** Jerry Clevenger, Head; Ernest Adams, Kirk Gobble, Bob George, Mark Johnson, Jim Rufener.

**Acolytes:** Brian Byerly and Will Jenne

**Sonshine Kids:** Katelyn Ratcliff and Julianne Hale

**JAM:** Jill and Matt Ingram and Lonna Stalcup

**Greeters:** Friendship Circle

**Altar Flowers** – sign-up outside the church office.