

# Facts From First

A Weekly Newsletter

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Cleveland, Tennessee

Rev. Tom Seay, Senior Pastor

February 22, 2012

## "Putting Christ First"

### From the Pastor...

We are now beginning the time of Lent. During the season of Lent we seek to be intentional about our relationship with God. It gives us a chance to take a look at where we are and see where God wants us to be. We take time to pray, read scripture, and fast. We get reconnected with God.

As Austin Byerly shared in his sermon on Sunday, sometimes we get so busy with everyday activities that we do not take time for God. Our lives become busy and rushed, and we don't take time to be with God. As we enter into this season, may we be intentional with our relationship with Christ. May we take time to be in conversation with God and take time to listen to what He wants us to do.

One way to be intentional about your walk with Christ is by signing up to pray for 30-minutes. Our 24-Hour Prayer Vigil will begin at 8:00 AM on Saturday, March 3 and end at 8:00 AM on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. There are sign ups available in the Sunday School classes, Commons, and Narthex. Prayer changes things. Let us all participate in this Prayer Vigil as we lift up our church to see where God wants us to go.

Grace and Peace,  
Lu ☺



### PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 AM  
to Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM

The Sanctuary and Chapel will be open if anyone would like to pray on the campus.

There are sign ups available in the Sunday School classes, the Commons, and the Narthex.

Contact Charlotte Leach for further information.

### Camp Lookout Work Day

Saturday  
February 25, 2012

All men, women, and children are encouraged to be a part of our work team. We will leave the church at 6:00 AM. The workday is over at 3:00 PM.



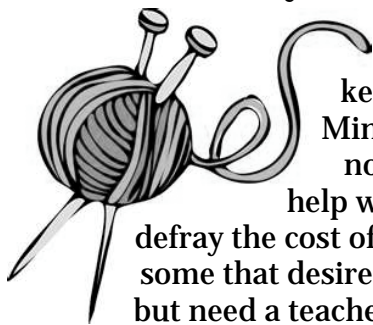
Contact the office or Jenann Lay at 715-0312

## **CHATTANOOGA BELL CHOIR**

Join us to hear the Metropolitan Bells, Brainerd Bells, and the McCallie Bells this Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM. We will leave the church at 2:00 PM in the church bus. For more information contact Pat Hogan.

## **HELP!!!**

### **We Need Prayer Shawl Knitters!**



If you can knit, we need your help to keep our Prayer Shawl Ministry alive! If you are not a knitter, you may help with a contribution to

defray the cost of yarn. There are also some that desire to learn how to knit, but need a teacher! Please contact the

church office or Ann Smeltzer at 479-3764, if you are willing to help in some way with this ministry.

## **RADA PRODUCTS**

An order will be placed at the end of February for Rada knives, serving pieces, and gift sets. Rada products are made in the USA, and proceeds from the sale of these products benefit May Dooley Circle mission projects. If you would like to order, please contact Nancy Boyd at 472-8974 or [rnboyd1@bellsouth.net](mailto:rnboyd1@bellsouth.net)

### **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.

### **UMM Day with the Bishop**

*Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>*

*9:00 - 2:00 PM*

*Concord UMC Knoxville, TN*

*Pre-registration by March 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$20.00*

*Registration at the Door - \$25.00*

*More information about Holston*

*Conference United Methodist Men may*

*be found at: [www.umm.holston.org](http://www.umm.holston.org)*

### **What Wondrous Love**

#### **Music Festival**

*Palm Sunday, April 1, 2012  
at 6:00 PM*

This festival will briefly cover the milestones of Holy Week through choral and instrumental music and scripture readings. The choir will consist of First UMC Chancel Choir members, Maple Street Baptist participants, along with some Lee University vocalists (primarily from the Lee University Chorale). There will also be a brass octet! Favorite Lenten selections will include "God So Loved the World" and "Ave Verum," along with early American music, contemporary gospel arrangements, and congregational selections. Please make this special performance part of your Holy Week activities.

### **Is Spring-Cleaning on Your Mind?**

*Don't throw out that "junk"! Its "treasure" to us!  
The UMW Annual Rummage Sale will be  
August 3, 2012*

*We are now accepting your "junk"!*

**Donations may be taken to  
Ledford's Mini Warehouses  
Unit S-27**

*4697 North Lee Hwy 476-6523  
Monday - Friday 8:30-4:30 PM*



## Weekly Activities

### **Sunday, February 26**

- 8:30 AM Early Worship
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 4:00 PM Good News Puppets
- 4:30 PM Administrative Council Meeting
- 5:00 PM First Youth
- 6:00 PM Worship Service

### **Monday, February 27**

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

### **Tuesday, February 28**

- 7:30 AM C.D.C.
- 9:00 AM P.D.O.
- 10:00 AM Revelation Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00 PM Titus Bible Study

### **Wednesday, February 29**

- 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
- 6:15 PM First Youth
- 7:30 PM FUMC String Band

### **Thursday, March 1**

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

### **Friday, March 2**

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

### **Saturday, March 3**

- 8:00 AM 24-Hour Prayer Vigil Begins

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- March 4<sup>th</sup> College Age Lunch  
Elan Circle
- March 6<sup>th</sup> Seekers Circle
- March 8<sup>th</sup> UMW Executive Meeting
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Event with Jason Roe
- March 10<sup>th</sup> UMM Breakfast  
UMW Meeting  
First Youth Lunch  
Church Dinner  
Worship

## *Wednesday Night Dinner*

Baked Potato Bar

Fixings Congealed Salad

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 its ministry by my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness."*

## **OUR PRAYERS**

- Our country, our leaders, and our troops
- Clem Bedwell
- Charmaine Ball
- Carol Hyberger
- Dowe Ownby
- Hugh Griffin
- Kathy Greene
- Reese Martin
- Joe Lippard
- Austin and Mary Glen Davis
- Barbara Miller
- Bobby Blankenship
- Harriet Meyer
- Sarah Bandy
- Gil Frederick
- Lee Howell
- Tommy McLain
- Ed Brown
- Carmen Orr
- Kim Martin
- Freida Hindman
- 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>
02/05/12	126	243
02/12/12	108	258
02/19/12	109	259

## **OUR GIFTS**

Budget Receipts 02/19/12	6,269.36
Receipts to date:	88,427.11
Expenditures to date:	92,389.57
Receipts/Expenditures + or [-]	[3,962.46]
Budget to date:	112,405.20

## **OUR SERVICE**

**Ushers:** John Wilkins, Head; Lynn Gobble, Frank Calfee, Don Wood, Joe Hogan, Ron Merz, Mark Grissom.

**Acolytes:** Ella Ingram and Madi Ingram

**Sonshine Kids:** Katie Simpkins and Amanda Hyberger

**JAM:** Jill and Matt Ingram and Jill Bradney

**Greeters:** Friendship Circle

**Altar Flowers** will be in memory of Mary Ella Clariday and Bill and Fran Civils, given by Steve and Sandra Clariday.