

# The Messenger

## Central United Methodist Church

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### UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES DO A NEW THING: CLUSTERING

United Methodists are familiar with a lot of groups within the local congregation and beyond the local congregation, which define the way we work organizationally and programmatically. We are not called “Methodist” for nothing but rather because we have a method—and a committee, board, council, team or task force—for everything. Sometimes we have too many methods and groups with meetings at the various levels of church organization. There is now a new group for Indiana United Methodist congregations—and surprisingly no one is complaining!

“Clusters” are the new part of the structure for the UMC in Indiana. Church clusters were part of the plan for the new Indiana Conference, created by the merger of the two Annual Conferences in the state, approved last year and being actualized over the next two years. Every church in the state was asked to form a “cluster” with some other churches. Clusters are to have at least 4 churches and no more than 9 churches. The point of the cluster is for the churches to be in relationships of mutual support and accountability. They can choose to do some cooperative programs but are not required to. They can coordinate on programs they offer, cross-promote special events, learn from each other, share successes and failures in programs or joys and concerns in ministry, provide encouragement and feedback for each other, and definitely pray for each other. The plan is for a handful of persons from each congregation to meet three or four times a year to learn to know one another, talk together and just see what else might develop out of being together in ministry for Jesus Christ.

Another amazing thing about the clusters is that every church was given the freedom to form their own cluster. No one in the church hierarchy, Bishop or District Superintendent, was telling churches how they should cluster or with whom. Five of us from Central went to the cluster kick-off for Southwestern Indiana at Santa Claus UMC on February 22. There was singing, prayer, and a silly sign contest, after which the Bishop spoke about the vision for the clusters and then turned it over to conversation among churches to decide who would cluster with whom. It was so unscripted and freeform that some of us were a little uncomfortable with the “chaos” of freedom.

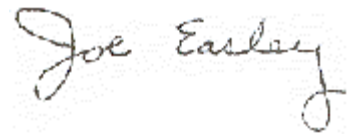
Some churches may have talked about possible cluster groups before February 22. Pastors definitely did. I had conversations with several other pastors about possible ways for Central to group. A few clusters were set before the Kick-Off by mutual agreement, but most were not. The five of us from Central did discuss possible ways of Central clustering on the way to the meeting. Because of our location, we could have gone different directions for our cluster. Ultimately, we decided to cluster with Trinity, Fairlawn and St. John's. We decided to call ourselves the Center-City Cluster, since we are drawn together by sharing urban settings and choosing to minister in the city. With the agreement of the other churches, we have invited St. Lucas U.C.C. to consider being part of our cluster, since we already do several things

with them (Shalom Zone, Maundy Thursday services, etc.), and the inclusion of churches of other denominations was explicitly permitted. The possibility of inviting Alexander AME into the cluster has been mentioned, since they are a sister Methodist congregation, and already share in the Downtown Churches with Trinity and Central. Other churches of similar interest could be added later if there is agreement that it would strengthen the cluster.

The meeting February 22 was good, and we came back with a real sense of excitement about the possibilities that clusters offer. Being in relationship with other churches is a good thing. United Methodist congregations have always worked well with other denomination's congregations. Our church structure is “connectional” rather than hierarchical or independent, but some of that connection had been lost over the last few years. Sometime congregations think they are competing with each other, but that is a limited and “worldly” view. In fact we are in the Good News business together. Our competition is the world. It is good to get back to consciously relating to other congregations.

You should be hearing more about our cluster. In the meantime, we are all asked to pray for our cluster partners, Fairlawn, St. John's and Trinity UMC, even as they pray for us and one another.

Your pastor,



### IN WORSHIP THIS MONTH

- Apr. 5 Palm/Passion Sunday                      Communion  
11:40 Lunch    12:30 (or so) Easter Egg Hunt  
Scriptures: Mark 11:1-11, 14:10-25 & 15:25-39  
Sermon: “Promise Fulfilled Surprisingly”  
Sign: The Bread and Communion Cup
- Apr. 5 12:05 Cross Walk starts at Civic Center
- Apr. 9 Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae Service  
CUMC host join service with St. Lucas this year  
CUMC-St. Lucas combined choirs sing  
Scriptures: Ex. 12:1-4, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; Mk. 15:1-15  
Drama: “I Am Barabbas”  
Sign: The Cross
- Apr. 10 Good Friday  
12:05 Service at Trinity UMC; 12:30 Lunch  
6:00 Service at Alexander AME: “Seven Last Words”
- Apr. 12 Easter **(note changes in times)**  
6:15 Sunrise Service (7:00 Breakfast afterwards)  
9:30 Easter Worship (8:30 Sunday School before)  
Scriptures: Acts 10:34-43; 1 Cor. 15:1-11  
Sermon: “The Good News - The Best Promise”  
Sign: Empty tomb
- Apr. 19 Second Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; John 20:19-23  
Sermon: “Resurrection Community of Awesome Power”
- Apr. 26 Third Sunday of Easter  
Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4  
Sermon: “Putting Trust in the Risen One”

## EASTER SERVICES 6:15 & 9:30 APRIL 12

On Easter Sunday, April 12 we will have a Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m. (on the Child Care parking lot if weather permits, or in the Garden Room if not), followed by a breakfast (ca. 7:00 a.m.). Note that Sunday School will be at 8:30 a.m. and Easter worship at 9:30 a.m., each an hour earlier this day. All are invited to share in the glory of this morning in any and all of these events

## PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON & EGG HUNT

On Palm Sunday, **April 5**, we will again have a Child-Care-Board hosted lunch for a freewill offering after second service (ca. 11:40), followed by an Easter Egg Hunt (ca. 12:30 p.m.). Also that morning, our children will sing with the Chancel Choir at the 10:30 service—and at 8:30 too, if possible.

## CROSS WALK 12:05 APRIL 6

The downtown churches will remember Christ's passion and pray for those suffering now at various Stations of the Cross on Main Street on April 6, the Monday of Holy Week, over the Noon hour. The Cross Walk will start at 12:05 p.m. in front of the Civic Center and end at the river overlook.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE HERE

Central will host the joint Maundy Thursday service with St. Lucas United Church of Christ this year at 7:00 p.m. on **April 9**. We will commemorate the Last Supper by sharing in communion and look forward to Good Friday via an original drama. The choirs of the two churches will sing together as well.

## PRAYER LABYRINTH AGAIN OFFERED

This Holy Week, the youth are again offering an opportunity to go through a prayer labyrinth. This is a unique guided prayer and devotional adventure. You will journey through the labyrinth over the span of about an hour guided by an inspirational CD narration, set against a worshipful music backdrop. Eleven stations on your journey lead you to let go of the busyness, hurts and distractions that can spoil relationships; center your life on God; and reach out to the world with Christ's love. The labyrinth is like nothing you have ever seen – a unique worship experience that will guide you towards a deeply personal encounter with our awesome God. People who have gone through this in prior years have said what a great grounding experience it was. It will be available **April 9, which is Maundy Thursday, through Saturday, April 11**. There are a variety of time slots available at all times of day. Only two people can start at a time, so it is necessary for you to sign up for a specific time. You can find us at a table in the back following each service to sign up for a time slot. We hope you will take this opportunity. Thank you.



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES 12:05 & 6:00 PM

The downtown churches will again host a Good Friday service at 12:05 p.m., April 10, at Trinity UMC. Rev. Charles Cross, pastor of Alexander AME Church will be the preacher. Trinity's women offer a good light lunch, reasonably priced, immediately following at 12:30 p.m. Those who must return to work may go to the head of the line. Downtown workers can worship and have lunch on their lunch hour.

Alexander AME, our sister Methodist Church will also host an evening Good Friday Service at 6:00 p.m. with various pastors, including **Rev. Easley**, speaking briefly on the Seven Last Words of Jesus.

## YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUPS

A men's and women's small group study will be starting to meet at the end of April. These small groups will meet in homes, and alternate weeks to allow the lifted burden for parents to try and find childcare each week. We will begin with the women meeting at the **Warneke** home at 100 Herndon Drive on Friday, April 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The men will meet the following week, Friday, May 1 at the **Warneke** home from 7 to 8:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending please email **Mike Warneke** at the church to get added to the contact list. You can reach **Mike** at [mwarneke@central-church.org](mailto:mwarneke@central-church.org).

## LENTEN BREAKFASTS CONCLUDE

The last Vanderburgh County United Methodist Men's Lenten Breakfast will be at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, April 4 at Centenary UMC, at Old State and Inglefield Road, a short ways off of US 41, probably in their Family Life Center. The next Saturday, April 11, is the joint UCC-UMC breakfast for men and women at the Scottish Rite, which starts at 7:30 a.m. Get tickets (\$7 each) in advance from **Dick Schnakenburg**.

## STUDY OF JOHN BEGINS APRIL 15

An in-depth 11-week study of the Gospel of John will be offered beginning at 6:15 p.m. on April 15. The study material is Invitation to John, a short-term Disciple Bible Study. The model includes daily reading with the Bible itself as the main text, supplemented on the last day by some interpretive material and application questions. Class sessions will include a 6 to 10-minute video teaching clip, sharing notes from reading, discussion and further questions on how to apply Jesus' teaching to our lives. The first night will be a brief introductory meeting, to share expectations and pick up books (\$10 each). Classes will continue to meet Wednesday nights from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. The group may skip nights that have major conflicts. Pastor Joe will facilitate the study with the help of others. If you are interested, call the church and tell Lisa you plan to attend April 15, so we have enough books available.

## MEET YOUR MISSION

Central Church truly lives its mission through participation in and the initiation of programs that serve our members, the neighborhood, community, and the world. The Missions Team would like to highlight for you some of our current and upcoming missions.

Ramansos is an area outside of Cali, Columbia that is in need. Most families there have been displaced by the guerilla activity in the mountains. They have lost their livelihoods and are struggling for necessities such as clothing and food. Eunice Caicedo began a program that serves hot lunches to over 100 children in Ramansos each day. **Barb Brooks** became involved with this program through her mission work in Cali; and through **Barb**, several of Central's members were able to visit and see first hand the love for others and the faith in God those in Ramansos share despite their meager surroundings.

As part of our missions, there will be a small collections box placed in each Sunday School classroom. Any change that you drop in the box will be sent to help fund the hot lunch program for the children of Ramansos. If you feel led to make a larger donation, the church will be able to provide a tax receipt. Thank you in advance for supporting our missions!

Please look forward to our "Real World Meal" currently planned for Sunday May 17. More details will follow in our next "Meet Your Mission."

Respectfully, Your Missions Team

## XYZ SENIOR DAY - APRIL 16

XYZ Senior Day will be held at Aldersgate UMC on April 16, 8:30 a.m. through lunch. **Cost will be \$10** per person. This includes coffee and snack at registration, lunch and two interest groups. Registration forms are available at church. XYZ Senior Day (Xtra Years of Zest) is a day for seniors to fellowship, learn, eat, and enjoy life together. All seniors, all denominations, are welcome to attend XYZ Senior Day. This day is sponsored by the United Methodist Churches of Evansville.

## PRAYER SEMINAR - APRIL 25

Plan now to attend an outstanding seminar on prayer Saturday, April 25, at Methodist Temple. People from churches all over the area and from different denominations are expected to attend that day to hear Terry Tekyl, a leading trainer and writer about prayer and a United Methodist pastor. The focus will be on how prayer can transform our church, as well as each of our lives. Cost will be \$35 including lunch, with a \$5 advance registration discount. Brochures about the event with registration forms are available at the church or you can register on-line at [www.PrayerEvent.org](http://www.PrayerEvent.org).

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Scott Koenig  
Lillian Rucker  
Meredith Russell  
Linda Sanders
- 2 Lillian Vollman
- 3 Eric Robinson
- 4 James Pruitt
- 6 Sabrina O'Bryan
- 7 Mildred Bruner  
Joy Noel Halbig
- 8 Dorothy Bretz  
Renee Smith
- 9 Joan DeVillez  
Gary Frazier  
Mary Jane Schmitt
- 10 Ellen Daugherty  
Sandy Dausman
- 12 Peggy Huey  
Matt Martin
- 13 David Craig  
Brandon Daugherty  
Dade Herring  
Shanna Lynn O'Shaughnessy  
Bernard Riester  
Max Renner
- 16 Pat Duncan
- 17 Melissa Counts  
Maurice Mobley  
Linda Tribble
- 18 Michael Eggleston  
Kim White
- 19 Timothy Mosley
- 20 Sandy Koenig  
Patti Wright
- 22 Pam Boylls  
David White
- 24 Holly Giesman
- 25 Shirley Martin  
Lorraine Perigo  
Todd Wambach
- 26 Carol Crabtree  
Danny Walker
- 27 Shelby O'Bryan
- 28 Emily Bruce  
Donald Cobb  
Kaitlyn Swain
- 30 Micheal Meece



Thanks to **LINDA EGGLESTON** and **IMOGENE LUTZ** for their donations of computers to Central Child Care. They are greatly appreciated.

St. Jude Trike-a-Thon was a success. The children had fun riding the new bikes purchased with prior fund raiser money collected at Fall Family Fun Night. Child Care raised \$300 for the children who are hospitalized at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Child Care sold World's Finest Chocolate bunnies and chocolate covered almonds in March. We hope you found order forms in the church office. Thanks for your support.

Other March events were the Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library bookmobile visit and group field trips for the children.

The children in Central Child Care are excited that spring is finally here! We enjoy getting outside to play on our playground and look for signs of spring while walking around the neighborhood. The Child Care also appreciates "Miss Nancy" for her weekly bible stories and songs during our new Children's Chapel time. We are looking forward to the special activities during the Week of the Young Child which is April 20-24.

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"52" and "1" are key numbers in an important equation. Do you figure out to what they refer?

### RACK SHACK MOVE APPROVED

At their March 2 meeting the Trustees approved moving the Rack Shack from its current location to the Garden Room stage. This proposal has been in development for a couple of years, and input on it was sought in the Messenger the past two months. This move will mean people coming to the Rack Shack and Food Pantry can use the same door, their schedules can be coordinated and people coming to one will know that the other is also available. This will also take traffic to and from the Rack Shack out of the Child Care area and away from the church secretary having to buzz each person in.

The plan is for "The Old Guys" to frame a wall to close off the stage—perhaps still leaving a 2 or 3 foot ledge still in the Garden Room. While the stage is a bit smaller than the current space, the Rack Shack would also be given the closet beside the stage on the southeast corner of the building to use for off-season storage, and it could possibly be used to display some sale items. This does mean finding a new locked storage location for the Senior Citizens and the 8:30 band, since they now use this closet. Greater changes that would involve redoing the Garden Room itself were also considered, but they would require more design work, involve much more labor and likely increase costs several-fold. These still could be done at a later point, but the Trustee did not want to further delay this one change that can be done now quickly and without great cost. This work will also not preclude further changes later.

### EVALUATING WELCOME WEDNESDAYS

The Nurture Team is evaluating Welcome Wednesdays. We have done these for three years, 8 or 9 different series, as many as 50 total nights. It is time to evaluate what we have done and rethink what we want to do in the future. The team would like your input, including why you attended or did not, what you liked or didn't like about what we have done, and suggestions for the future. An evaluation form is available at the church for completion this month. It will be available Sunday at worship, in Sunday School classes at least one Sunday, in the church office and via e-mail. If you have thoughts to share, you can e-mail those to the church ([cumc@central-church.org](mailto:cumc@central-church.org)) or ask for a copy of the survey by phone (424-3574) or e-mail.

### NEW WESLEY STUDY BIBLE PUBLISHED

Cokesbury has just published The Wesley Study Bible, which seems to be very good. It is based on the New Revised Standard Version translation. As in any study Bible, it has a brief introduction to each book of the Bible and footnotes that give background, explanation and cross references. These are written by scholars, pastors and church leaders from the broad family of churches tracing their roots through John Wesley and often refer to insights from Wesley's own commentary or sermons. It also includes over 200 inserts on "Wesleyan Core Terms" to better understand Christian beliefs from a Methodist perspective and over 200 "Life Application Topics" to better understand Christian practice. Its contributors write for church laity who are seeking to understand and apply the Bible to their lives. They share a broad Wesleyan perspective on faith and practice, and emphasize what Christians hold in common rather than getting caught up in theological controversies and divisions. It is published in simulated leather for \$39.00. **Rev. Easley** has a copy that he would be glad to let you look at, if you wish. A good study Bible can be a great asset in understanding scripture.

**WELCOME** to Andrew Mason O'Bryan who was born to **Andy and Vanessa O'Bryan**. Their fifth child was born on February 13 weighing 7 lbs 6 oz and 19 inches long. He is welcomed by his siblings - Joseph, Jonathan, Shelby and Jackson, his grandparents, **Anna and Art O'Bryan**, aunt and uncle, **Jennifer and Brandon Willis** and cousin **Cooper Willis**....and to Natalie Elizabeth, born to Heather Morse on March 18. She was 6 lb. 10 oz. and 19<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". Madeline is the proud sister and **David and Linda Henzman** the grandparents.

## A JUSTICE MOMENT

A few days ago I was drawn to the 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 1st Corinthians by an Upper Room devotion. Paul is using the analogy of the human body to look at the body of the church. He concludes that all of the parts are essential and all play important roles in the functioning of the whole. In a moment of discouragement and weakness I carried Paul's analogy too far. I thought "What if social justice work really is not an integral part of the church? What if social justice work is more like the appendix that is no longer useful or needed? What if social justice work doesn't really count like worship and prayer and fellowship and all of the other aspects of the church?"

Then I thought, or was led to think as I suspect, if striving for social justice isn't needed now, then we must be at the pinnacle of a just society. If our society doesn't have anything more just to strive for, then we must be perfectly just. If we are perfectly just, then God's kingdom has come to earth already. At which time I began to look around me and I realized that we have a long way to go before we can say that there is true justice for everyone.

If you see the same thing that I do when you look around, then join our CAJE team on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at St. Benedict's Cathedral on Lincoln Avenue (registration starting at 6:00 pm) for the CAJE Action. CAJE is far from a perfect organization, but we continue to strive, little by little, to work together with other congregations to move a bit closer to that just society. Just maybe, this work really isn't an appendix. Bill Seymour, CAJE Team Co-Leader

## CONFERENCE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit Scholarship awards are for undergraduate students who are members of the United Methodist Church who are attending a United Methodist College or University.

1. Applicant must be a full, active member of a United Methodist Church within the Indiana Conference;
2. Applicant must be recommended by his/her pastor.
3. Applicant must be attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education recognized as a United Methodist related school by the United Methodist University Senate. It is NOT required that the school be within the bounds of the annual conference.
4. Only undergraduate students will be considered for the Merit Scholarship.
5. Awards will be determined on the basis of "merit," understood in terms of:

Academic Achievement

Expression of Christian faith through:

- a. church participation in home church and/or campus ministry and/or community service
- b. vocational preparation for service to humanity

United Methodist Merit Scholarships are awarded annually by the conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry from the portion of the Student Day offering returned to the Annual Conference for that purpose. The number of scholarships is determined by the amount of funds available.

To apply for the scholarship applicants must fill out a form we have and send it in by April 13, 2009.

You can also download the application at <http://www.sicumc.org/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=218>.

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

The senior citizens will be having their luncheon on Thursday, April 16 at noon in the Garden Room. Everyone is to bring a covered dish to share. Call Velma Berry at 477-5871 if you have any questions.

## SPRING FAIR COMING – COOKBOOKS NEEDED

The Spring Fair will be Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the National Guard Amory. We would like for you to bring in your unwanted cookbooks to help benefit Week Day Christian Education. Please leave your cookbooks in the marked box in the Parlor.

**SAVE THE DATE** Hacienda Day is June 7.

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to **Bill Brenner** on the death, February 27, of his 51-year old son John, who lived near Mackey. His memorial service was March 2....and to **Lillian Rucker and Susan Rideout** on the death of **Susan's** sister and **Lillian's** granddaughter, Debbie Daley 49, of Columbus, Indiana. She died Monday morning, March 2. The service was March 4....and to **Amy Woods** and her family on the March 9 death of her grandmother, Effie Mae Spinks, 87, who lived in Rockport. Her funeral was Thursday....and to **Larry Whicker and his family** on the death Tuesday, March 17, of his mother **Lucille Whicker**, 75-year member of Central. She transferred from Salem Methodist on March 8, 1934. She had lived in Indianapolis the last three years to be near **Larry's** sister Martha....and to **David Henzman and his family** on the recent death of an aunt. Her funeral was in the Indianapolis area.

## SPRING FAIR

The Spring Fair will be Saturday, April 4 from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory. It is a sale to benefit Week Day Christian Education. Admission is free. Refreshments include: breakfast, soup, sandwiches and pie. A pre-event sale will be Friday, April 3 from 5-7:00 p.m. A \$5.00 admission will be charged for this.

## YOUTH HOME SPRING TEA

The United Methodist Youth Home will have a Spring Tea "A Celebration of Women" on Sunday, May 3 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Clearcrest Pines Country Club, 10521 Darmstadt Road. Enjoy a full English style tea complete with savory and sweet finger foods, a menu of over 20 tea selections and door prize drawings. Ticket price is \$25 and advance reservations are required. Proceeds from this event will be used to support the work of the United Methodist Youth Home to serve the at-risk youth of our community.

## THANKS TO CENTRAL CHURCH

Thank you for the love and kindness you have expressed with your kind words and hugs, beautiful cards and flowers, but most important your many prayers. It is so uplifting to Chet and I and our family to know we are not traveling this journey alone.

Much love and many thanks,  
**Darlene and Chet Rycroft**

## RACK SHACK IS IN NEED OF JEWELRY

The Rack Shack would like for people to donate used jewelry.

## NEWMAN BEQUEST

Dear Friends –

It is almost impossible to believe that my father, **Walter E. Newman**, has been gone from us for more than a year. There are still so many things that I want to tell him and so many unasked questions. Praise to God, through Jesus, that heaven is our eternal home and so many of our loved ones precede us and wait for those who follow assent.

As you well know, hope in the future of Central Church was a continual prayer of my father's. His final bequest to my parent's earthly church is an unrestricted gift of \$15,000 for the endowment fund, which you will find enclosed.

My family and I think of all of you fondly and wish you special blessings of calm and peace during this amazingly hectic time of year.

God bless you all –

Linda Bragg, Arlington, MA 02474

## BIPOLAR PRESENTATION - ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's Mental Health Services is sponsoring a Community Presentation on "Bipolar Disorder – A Family Perspective" 6:00-8:15 PM on Wednesday, April 1 in St. Mary's Manor Auditorium. For information contact Brooke Ballard (485-4934).

**April Johnson's street address is now 904 Canterbury Rd.**

## HELP US SAVE SALES TAX ON CHURCH PURCHASES

The Church is exempt from sales tax in nearly every case for purchases made **by the church** directly or **for the church**, if the purchaser has the proper form at the time of purchase. With the sales tax now 7%, this means saving 7 cents on every dollar if you have a copy of the tax exempt form when you buy for the church. This does not apply to food, since food is tax exempt anyway. Contact **Lisa or John** in the church office before you buy anything for the church. They can give you a copy of the form. **John Robertson** reports we could have saved \$167 in 2008 with this.

## YOUR SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME

The Trustees have placed a suggestion box in the Parlor. It is on the table in the corner to your left as you come in from the Mary Street main entrance. If you see a building problem or have an idea for an improvement, write it down and put it in the box or tell a Trustee. These may be placed in the box in southeast corner of the Parlor. It is on the table between the doors to the main entrance and folding doors into the Sanctuary.

## GERANIUM ORDER REMINDER

Thanks to all who ordered geraniums to benefit the Weekday Christian Education program.

This year there are about 1,000 third and fourth grade students enrolled in classes – all learning about God's unconditional love for each of them. The simple fact that 70% of the students do not have a church home shows how important this program is to our community's children and families. Your help keeps the program healthy and moving ahead to plant faith seeds of God's love.

**As a reminder**, orders should be picked up at the church (Family Life Center canopy) on **Saturday, April 18, 9-10:00 a.m.** (If unable to be picked up at that time, please let Janet Duncan know-459-2321 so other arrangements can be made.)

## UM MEN'S GATHERING – JULY 10-12

The 10<sup>th</sup> National Gathering of the United Methodist Men will be held July 10-12 at Belmont University in Nashville. Among the speakers will be Dr. Patrick Morley, founder of Man in the Mirror. Among the artists sharing music is Vince Gill. For more information on the event or to register go to their website: [www.gcumm.org](http://www.gcumm.org). on people's hearts.

## THANKS AND NEEDS—CHILD CARE

We appreciate the donations we have received so far. We could still use the following items:

Dramatic play items (scarves, dress up clothes, etc.)

Puppets

Ride on toys without pedals

Board books and play pads for infants

Puzzles (wooden, floor or under 25 pieces)

DVD player

12 qt. plastic tubs with lids




Of course cash donations are also accepted!!

Thanks for your support of the child care. The staff appreciates your willingness to help us teach young children through play.

**Penny, Mary K and Charlene**

## RUTH'S HOUSE OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 3

Ruth's House, located at 321 E. Walnut Street, is celebrating one year of operation with an Open House 4:00 to 7:00 PM Friday evening, April 3. This faith-based, UMC-started program provides transitional housing for homeless women in recovery from drug addiction. Because the women live there, tours are not normally available, but on this evening you can tour the house; meet residents, staff and board members and enjoy light refreshments. You may park in either the Courier & Press or VNA lots across Walnut Street at Governor. For further information contact: Ruth Milgate at 480-7371 or Jennifer Dick at 812-455-2007 or visit the website: [www.reflectingwaters.org](http://www.reflectingwaters.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2009</h1>  <p>Services Every Sunday: 8:30 A. M. Contemporary Service 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service <b>Except Easter</b></p>						
			<p>1 9:00 Egg Stuffing - Parlor 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 4:00 Power 5:30 Youth - Youth Room 6:15 Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 <i>Men's Basketball - FLC</i></p>	<p>2 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 3:30 Tutoring 5:00 <i>FLC Rented for Basketball</i> 6:00 Worship Mtg. - Library</p>	<p>3 Staff Dress Down Day  8:00 p.m. Kids Club Lock In – Garden Room</p>	<p>4 7:15 UMM Lenten Breakfast – Centenary Methodist  8:00 a.m. Lock In over 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library</p>
<p>5 Palm Sunday  11:30 Church Wide Dinner – FLC 12:30 (Approx.) Easter Egg Hunt</p>	<p>6 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 12:05 Cross Walk – Civic Ctr. 6:00 Trustee Meeting- Church Office 7:00 Drama Practice - Sanctuary</p>	<p>7 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 10:00 Martha Elizabeth Cir. Library 3:30 Tutoring 6:15 Staff-Parish - Library 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group</p>	<p>8 11:45 JNIA – Trinity Room 3:00 Labyrinth Setup 4:00 Power 5:30 Youth – Labyrinth Setup 6:15 Choir 7:30 Bell Choir</p>	<p>9 7:30 JACC Mtg. Library 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 2:00 Mary-Barb Brooks Circle -Library 3:30 Tutoring 2:00-7:00 Labyrinth – FLC 7:00 <i>Maundy Service</i></p>	<p>10 Good Friday Office Closed at Noon  9:00 -12:00 Labyrinth 4:00 – 8:00 Labyrinth</p>	<p>11 7:30 UMC-UCC Lenten Breakfast – Scottish Rite 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 9:00 12:00 Labyrinth 12:00 Labyrinth Breakdown 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library</p>
<p>12 6:15 Sunrise Service 7:00 Breakfast – Garden Rm 8:30 Sunday School 9:30 Worship</p> 	<p>13 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 4:30 Outreach Team Ch -O 6:30 Mission Team Mtg. - Library</p>	<p>14 9:00 Staff Meeting 2:00 Small Accountability 3:30 Tutoring 5:15 Shalom Mtg. – St. Lucas 6:15 Executive Council – Nolte 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group</p>	<p>15 11:00 Wednesday Friends - Trinity Room 4:00 Power 5:30 Youth - Youth Room 6:15 Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 <i>Men's Basketball - FLC</i></p>	<p>16 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 8:30 XYZ – Aldersgate UMC 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 12:00 Senior Citizens - Garden 3:30 Tutoring 5:00 <i>FLC rented - Basketball</i> 6:30 Sign In CAJE Rally 7:00 CAJE Rally – Nazarene Baptist</p>	<p>17 5:30 Brewer/Jarrett Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>18 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library  4:00 Brewer/Jarrett Wedding</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 12:00 MESSENGER DEADLINE 7:00 Bea Conder Circle Host: Marilyn Patterson</p>	<p>21 9:00 Full Church Staff Mtg. 3:00 Tutoring 5:45 Nurture Team Mtg.- Church Office 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group</p>	<p>22 4:00 Power 5:30 Youth - Youth Room 6:15 Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 <i>Men's Basketball - FLC</i></p>	<p>23 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 3:30 Tutoring 5:30 Flood of Justice – Church Office 6:30 Cluster Meeting – Trinity UMC</p>	<p>24 7:00 Women's Small Group Study – Warneke Home</p>	<p>25 8:30-4:00 Prayer Seminar – Methodist Temple 9:00-12:00 Indoor Playground 12:00 N. A. Meeting - Library</p>
<p>26 5:00 Shalom Neighborhood Dinner - St. Lucas</p>	<p>27 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack</p>	<p>28 9:00 Church Staff Mtg. 3:00 Tutoring 6:30 Emmaus Prayer Group</p>	<p>29 4:00 Power 5:30 Youth – Youth Room 6:15 Choir 7:30 Bell Choir 7:30 <i>Men's Basketball - FLC</i></p>	<p>30 9:30-11:30 Food Pantry 10:00-1:00 Rack Shack 3:30 Tutoring 5:00 <i>FLC rented - Basketball</i> 6:00 Sign In CAJE Action 7:00 CAJE Action – St. Bens</p>		