

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Recently Hospitalized . . .

Vanderbilt: Ruth Lightfoot
Same Day: Jacob Dunnivant, Brynn Welch
Discharged: Eula Holland, Jim Dobyms

IN MEMORY OF

our church family members
Edith Lane—March 12
*Sympathy is expressed to her son,
 Guy Lane, Jr.*
Robert G. Hertel—March 12
*Sympathy is expressed to his wife,
 Anne.*

Training Available

There will be Welcome Center Host/Hostess training on April 10 (Sat. morn) at 9:00 a.m. If you are not yet a Welcome Center Host but would like to be, then please come and join us. We will have light breakfast food, juice, and coffee. We want to be prepared for all our guests. This will be led by Nancy Mallicote and Janet Batts (224-1514).

Heart to Heart-

A Marriage Enriching Event at FBSUMC

Facilitated by Pete and Ginny Rowlett, certified leaders
 Association of Couples in Marriage Enrichment
 Friday, April 16 -- Sunday, April 18, 2010 Cost: \$50.00/couple
 Please register by calling 224-1513 by April 11.
 Childcare is available at the church on Friday evening and Sunday morning.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to have an Easter lily placed at the altar in honor or memory of loved ones on Easter, please return this form to the Church Office no later than March 22. Please fill out a separate form for each lily ordered. Lilies are \$12.00 each. For more information, call Nancy Tate at 224-1507.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Yes, I will pick up my lilies after 10:45 a.m. worship on Easter.

No, I will not pick up my lilies.

Donor _____

Phone _____

Reaching Up and Out Basket Donation Given

The Reaching Up and Out Basket for Sunday, March 21, located at the entrance to the Sanctuary at the foot of the redeemer is given by Marjo Reid in memory of her father, Toy F. Reid. The contents of the basket will be donated to Madison House. Our church community is asked to pray for the staff of Madison House and for those receiving the services of this not-for-profit agency.

Chancel Arrangements . . .

The altar is adorned with greenery and dried arrangements to reflect the mood of penitence.

WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Lent—March 21, 2010

Contemporary Worship Services

Fellowship Hall – 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Scripture: Mark 15: 15b-23

Message: *The Torture and Humiliation of the King*

Andrew Amodei

Traditional Worship Services

Sanctuary – 8:30 a.m.–9:40 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Scripture: John 12: 1-8

Message: *Extravagance*

Margaret Deans

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

“Joy” TV Ministry: 9:30 a.m. *see below

Radio Broadcast: 10:00 a.m., WKPT (1400 AM)

To Watch JOY TV

COMCAST SYSTEMS: We are broadcasting on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m..on the following stations: Abingdon, VA Ch. 2; Bristol & Gray Ch. 14.

CHARTER SYSTEMS: We are broadcasting on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.; Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on Ch. 13 for Johnson City, Kingsport and Rogersville.

St. Mark's United Methodist Church—9:30 a.m.

Message: Lay Speaker

Our Father's Place—4:00 p.m. in Chapel

Message: Darres Carter

Evening Worship—6:00 p.m. in Chapel

Scripture: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Phillipians 3: 4b-14

Message: *Great Expectations*

John Wilson

After Hours “On Call” List for the Week

Sunday, March 21 Jack Weikel (292-9000)

Monday, March 22 Clark Jenkins (292-2795)

Tuesday, March 23 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Wednesday, March 24 Janet Batts (341-9233)

Thursday, March 25 Andrew Amodei (765-6197)

Friday, March 26 Jack Weikel (292-9000)

Saturday, March 27 Janet Batts (341-9233)

Membership and Financial Report

February YTD – 2010

Memebership – Jan. 1, 2010		2475
Membership – Feb. 28, 2010		2475
	Actual	Budget
Pledges (Actual)	\$260,308	\$291,666
Total Revenue	\$418,168	\$479,406
Expenses	\$455,304	\$494,551
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (37,135)	\$ (15,144)
Balance Due on Capital Debt		\$794,261
Faith Promise Balance		\$ 20,246

March 14, 2010

Morning Worship	802
Our Father's Place	14
Evening Worship	30
Total Worship Attendance	846
Sunday School	521

Living Last Supper Invitations

Know someone who might not know about our presentations of the Living Last Supper? Pick up a post card from March 21-March 28 in the lobby to invite a friend or family member.

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NOTES FROM JOHN

As I launch into the older adult ministries, I am struck by the fact that retirement is really a misnomer. Many of you have said that you are working harder now and spending more hours at work than you did before retiring. Having just retired and fast approaching 65, I am realizing that retirement is really a new beginning and not an end. Who would want to sit in a rocker or recliner and wait for God to "call them home"? Not I! Like unused muscles that atrophy, the unused brain does as well. I want to use both my muscles and my brain. So, I need to get up and move, right? I challenge you to do the same. Now is time to "re-fire" and not "retire". God calls each of us to do something with the rest

This week...

Forever Young Fellowship will meet Tuesday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This month's program will be Ms. Virginia Howe, daughter of Danny and Debbie Howe. She will speak on the topic of "patience". Virginia is presently in graduate school to earn her Masters in Elementary Education. As you know Virginia plays the bassoon and was a part with the ETSU wind ensemble which played in Carnegie Hall recently.

Scholarships for Buffalo Mountain Camp



Because of your faithful generosity, many children from both FBSUMC and Community UMC, as well as unchurched kids from Terrific Tuesday, have attended summer camp at Buffalo Mountain. Please make this incredible experience available to those who otherwise could not attend by making your checks to FBSUMC and indicating in the memo line that the monies are for the Buffalo Mountain Scholarship Fund.

Jubilation

Jubilation, the conference - wide retreat for older adults – is just one month away... April 11 through Tuesday, April 13. The cost for commuters is \$125 which covers registration all meals. Workshops include: How to Start a Book Club- Oprah step aside led by Becky Hall; You Want Me to Sell What? Led by Don Dare; Build A Better Brain led by Evelyn Kissinger; Appalachian Culture and Music with John Ousley; Mirthful Reality led by Geraldine North and Telling Your Story with Charles Maynard. The key note speaker is Bishop Swanson; Bible teacher is Bishop Looney and worship leader is Bishop Mary Virginia Taylor. Registration forms are

of our lives. Jane Marie Thibault in her book 10 Gospel Promises for Later Life asks the question, "What do you want to leave to this world that would not have been offered if you had not been given gift of a long life?" It is a provocative question for those of us who are at the end of our careers, about to retire, or already retired. I encourage you to use this time of Lent to discern where and what God is calling you to do with the rest of your life. It is a good time to be alive and to make a difference. I'm excited about the possibilities. I hope you are.

Peace, John

Quote for the week

Even a happy life cannot be without a measure of darkness, and the word "happy" would lose its meaning if it were not balanced by sadness.

Carl Jung

outside of the church offices and at the FY bulletin board. **The registration deadline is Monday, March 22nd** and after that date, a \$20 late fee will be added. Make your reservations through the Holston Conference.

Christian Story Telling Festival

The Providence Academy in Johnson City is having its third annual Christian Storytelling Festival on March 25. The theme this year is "Faith in History" and will feature keynote speaker William J. Federer. Tickets for seniors are \$6.00 for both nights or \$5.00 for a group of 6 or more. For more information, call Providence Academy at (423) 854-9819 or check their website at www.christianstorytelling.com.

Food for thought

"Retirement is a process with people moving in and out of retirement. It may mean "bridge" jobs where people prepare for retirement by moving from full-time to part-time work or accept a position which is less stressful or time consuming. Retirement means for many 'freedom from the demands of work.' It may mean more control over one's personal time and provide time for new opportunities to learn, give, and grow. But we also need to know that retirement, as an expected part of the life cycle, came into being in the 20th century." Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.

DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Lay Speaking Ministries The United Methodist Church

Lay speakers are people who serve and lead in their church and community. The emphasis of the Lay Speaking Ministries is helping people discover their gifts, offering them teaching, and finding them opportunities to serve God and neighbor.

Lay speaking has a rich history within Methodism as our faith spread rapidly across the early frontiers of America. Today, many lay speakers never speak from the pulpit, but serve in the areas of teaching, leading, guiding and reaching out to others.

First Broad Street members who serve as active lay speakers are Ken Peterson, Joe Bettini, Les Heaton, Jeff McCord, Jarrod Suits, Buddy Bounds, Fred Howe, Lynn Sorrell, Russ Brogden, Eric Fritz and Nancy Tate.

The Kingsport District will offer basic training to become a local lay speaker in April 2010. Training will be held at First Broad Street UMC in four evening sessions, April 15, 22, 29 and May 6. If you are interested in pursuing God's call to this ministry, please contact Nancy Tate at 224-1507 or ntate@fbsumc.org.

Serving God and Neighbor Together,
Kingsport District Lay Speaking Ministries Team
Richard McKee, Robert Burlingham, Mike Webb,
Susan Smith, David Graves and Nancy Tate,
Kingsport Director of Lay Speaking Ministries

Safe Sanctuary Training

For NEW volunteers or staff working with children and youth
📅 Thursday, March 25, in room L45 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
For all volunteers/staff trained in 2008 and 2009, please fill out and submit the Participation Covenant Statement. Go to www.fbsumc.org. Click "Main Site" and click the "Leadership" tab. Download the "covenant" statement, fill it out and mail it to: First Broad Street UMC, c/o Margaret Deans, P.O. Box 1346, Kingsport, TN 37662

Caregivers Gathering

Are you a caregiver and sometimes feel overwhelmed by the responsibilities that entails? Then you might enjoy being a part of our Caregivers' Group. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 7, from noon to 1 p.m. in room 241.

Janet Batts is our special speaker this month and will share from her own experiences being a caregiver. Doreen Paul will open the time together with a devotional thought.

If you have questions, please give Joy a call at 224-1512. Please feel free to bring your lunch and eat during the meeting. Also, this group is open to the community so bring a friend!

Wednesday Nights 5:30 p.m.-- March 24

Program: Rabbi Joseph Bell: "Christ in the Passover" Seder Meal

Menu: Shepherd's Pie, peas and carrots, tossed salad, apple crisp

Make your dinner reservations by calling 224-1502 by noon on Tuesday. You must call 224-1502 to set up standing reservations.

Adults: \$6; Children 5-11 years: \$3;

Under 5: Free; Family Maximum: \$25

Feel free to attend the program even if you are unable to come for the meal.

AARP Safe-Driving Class

On April 15 and 16 from 9 to 1 p.m. in Room 306, Rosalee Sites will teach a review course on driving. This class, offered by the AARP is designed to help people to drive safer, longer and to make adaptations to overcome some of the limitations of the aging process.

The class is designed to be taken over two days. Some insurance companies offer small discounts to those who take the class once every 3 years. The class costs \$12 for those who are members of AARP and \$14 for those who are not. You can pay at the door on the first day of class, but please call now to reserve your spot: 224-1502.

"Bring One" Items

The Bring One items for the week of Sunday, March 21, will be cereal and/or powdered or evaporated milk. The items for the week of Sunday, March 28, will be beef stew and/or chicken and dumplings. Thank you for your support.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will go to the Mustard Seed Cafe in Gate City, VA, on March 19. The bus will leave the Wanola parking lot at 11:00 a.m.

Large Print Bulletins Available

Along with hearing amplification devices and large print hymnals, we are now offering large print bulletins for those who desire them. Contact an usher as you enter traditional worship to obtain one of these items.

Painters Needed

The Board of Trustees has scheduled another painting project (and party), and they need your help. We are going to paint the first floor hallway of the Office Wing, the Choir Room, stairwell and entry into the Choir loft on Monday and Tuesday, March 22 and 23 starting at ~8:30. All painting supplies will be provided. Whether you can provide a couple of hours or a couple of days, we would love to have you join us. Mark your calendars now!

A MESSAGE
FROM THE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Behind the Scenes

By the time you receive this SPIRES, we will have completed another Mission Celebration along with the Sudan Summit that preceded the Celebration. What a blessing it has been to have the many missionaries, interpreters and visitors in our midst. We are all enriched to be a part of our connectional church that allows us in a small and sometime not so small way to be a part of these ministries that help serve others throughout the world. These complex events usually occur without so much as a hiccup, but they don't happen by accident.

A number of our congregation and nearly the whole staff are involved in the planning and preparation that make these events so special. I want to use today's column and tell you about some of the things that go on behind the scenes. Danny Howe, April Watts, and the Serve and Missions leadership begin planning the next year's Mission Celebration almost as soon as the last one is concluded. I suspect that most of you know this and these folks usually get recognized for the large amount of hard work that they do to make this happen, but I want to mention some of the not-so-obvious, behind the scenes contributors.

The Church Office staff has a lot of extra brochures and bulletins to design and produce for these big events. They also begin their work well before the event to have attractive brochures ready for mailing and the bulletins ready for the services. Andrew also played a major role in getting TV and web announcement and videos and other communication technology ready for promoting and using during the events.


Music and worship staff also got started well before the event so that the various choirs and groups can be ready to participate. Adding two additional worship services in a week can certainly challenge an already busy music staff and musical groups.

Your Building Staff spent many hours preparing for this event. The number of chairs and tables that were moved usually multiple times was enormous. Each room that was used during the Summit and Celebration had to be set up to meet the needs of the presenters. Tables needed to be moved to hallways for displays and to the Parlor for SERRV sales. The Sanctuary had to be rearranged for the Lightnin' Charlie concert and set back up for worship services. There were also a number of sound issues in the Fellowship Hall that had to be resolved before the events got underway. And keeping things clean is always a challenge.

Our Kitchen staff had to prepare six additional meals during the four days of the Summit and Celebration. This took a lot of planning, ordering and storing of food, and cooking and cleaning up after each meal. The hours needed to pull this off add up in a hurry.

The Program staff had a major role in linking activities into the Missions Celebrations and making sure that folks young and old had the opportunity to participate and learn about our mission efforts.

I am sure I have failed to mention several staff members that helped make these events a big success and there were

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enumerable volunteers that had significant roles in the events' success. Events like these are indeed a blessing to those putting them together and to those participating. Please join with me in thanking everyone that made this a special time in the life of our Church.

Mike McDortie



Many Parts, One Puzzle

It took Leonardo da Vinci three years to complete his masterpiece, *Last Supper*. How long will it take our church family to complete a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle of the masterpiece? Can we build it before Maundy Thursday? Just as it will take many hands to bring *The Living Last Supper* to our Sanctuary, it will take many hands to complete the 3-foot-long puzzle which will be located in the hallway near the Parlor. Construction begins on Sunday, March 21. Come fit in a few pieces, fellowship, and be part of the finished Masterpiece© puzzle.

The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club

You are invited to join The Read 'Em and Reap Book Club on the third Thursday of each month at FBS. Mingle and munch begins at 6:15 in the church library followed by a lively discussion from 6:30 to 7:30 of the following books: ***Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins We Tolerate*** by Jerry Bridges (**April 15**) and ***Julie and Julia*** by Julie Powell (**May 20**). For more information, you may contact either Beth Geno at iegeno@embarqmail.com or Kay Ann Smith at 288-2468.