

The Parish Visitor

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Rethink Church and Change the World — *March 25, 2010**

Sometimes the problems of this world appear so overwhelming that you just want to stay in bed and pull the covers up over your head. But with God all things are possible and God offers us the chance to join in and be part of what the Holy Spirit is doing to change the world. United Methodists around the world are being encouraged to leave the walls of their buildings and go to work in their communities one Saturday in April and then gather for worship the following Sunday and focus on the message of helping those in need battle malaria, which kills a child every thirty seconds. The message is: “Build community locally. Fight malaria globally. Change the World.”

The Outreach Committee and the Vision Team here at First United Methodist Church have decided to focus on building community locally by addressing the need for clean up and maintenance in one of Coffeyville’s city parks and to fight malaria globally by joining in the “Nothing But Nets” campaign. At present we’ve penciled in Saturday, April 17 and Sunday, April 18, as our dates (with April 24-25 as rain dates). Keep an eye on the pastors’ blog at revcollins.com and the Announcement Insert in the Sunday morning worship bulletin for updates.

Good Friday Service of Tenebrae — *March 23, 2010*

We’ll be observing Good Friday with a service of Tenebrae at 7:00 pm (Friday, April 2, 2010) in the chapel.

Easter Breakfast — *March 5, 2010*

This year we will again be hosting a come-and-go Easter breakfast between the 8:10 am and 10:50 am services. (Easter is April 4, 2010.) Hope to see you there.

Easter Special Offering for Emergency Assistance Fund — *March 24, 2010*

For the last several years, we, as a church, have dedicated the offering received on Christmas Eve to the church’s Emergency Assistance Fund (which helps members of the community in dire need). So, when we had to cancel the Christmas Eve service this past year due to the weather, it was the Emergency Assistance Fund that took the hit. For that reason this year’s special offering for Easter will benefit the Emergency Assistance Fund. There is a special offering envelope in this newsletter that can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday or mailed to the church office (304 W 10th ST, Coffeyville, KS 67337) if you wish to participate.

* The articles in this newsletter were all adapted from the Pastors’ blog, *From Behind the Pulpit*, at revcollins.com. The dates after each title refer to the day that article was posted.

Offering is UMCOR's "Backbone" — *March 6, 2010*

One of the great things about being United Methodist is the ability to participate in what God is doing through the church throughout the world. Next week we'll be observing One Great Hour of Sharing which funds the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). From United Methodist News Service:

Eight days after the January earthquake in Haiti, Melissa Crutchfield led a small team to the island to start assessing emergency needs for the United Methodist Committee on Relief.

The ability of her team to get to Haiti quickly was due in part to One Great Hour of Sharing, an annual churchwide offering for UMCOR taken on the fourth Sunday in Lent. This year's offering is on March 14.

To Crutchfield, who coordinates international emergency response for the relief agency, One Great Hour of Sharing "is the backbone of what makes everything possible."

Because that fund pays for everything from staff salaries to electricity to cell phones, UMCOR is able to pledge that it will use 100 percent of donations earmarked for specific disasters and projects on the [disaster relief projects and other] projects themselves.

And by supporting UMCOR's headquarter operations, One Great Hour of Sharing allows for both emergency and long-term responses to a wide range of domestic and international disasters and ongoing projects related to hunger and development issues. "All of that takes an enormous amount of coordination and communication," Crutchfield said.

The high-profile disasters that receive extensive media coverage—the Haiti earthquake, Hurricane Katrina, the Asian tsunami—generally draw enough donations to finance UMCOR's long-term recovery projects in those places.

But other small-scale disasters do not.

In 2009, for example, localized flooding in New York, Illinois, Hawaii and North Dakota drew requests for assistance but little attention. However, UMCOR can still help with money from One Great Hour of Sharing or other undesignated funds, said the Rev. Tom Hazelwood, who oversees U.S. disaster response.

I've always supported giving to One Great Hour of sharing to fund UMCOR's administrative costs (which are kept very minimal). I'm even more happy to learn that part of the money we contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing helps those affected by disasters that draw little or no media attention and thus do not receive designated relief funds.

Update — *March 22, 2010*: we received \$479.67 for One Great Hour of Sharing this year. It's a great and wonderful thing to be part of the work that God is doing through UMCOR in the world.

Quotable: Garrison Keillor — *March 13, 2010*

"When you are in the Christian church and you argue against forgiveness you know that you are on the losing side... When you argue against forgiving the sinner you're just delaying the game... You're just playing for time. You're hoping to wear people out, but eventually, though you don't want to do the right thing, scripture is pushing you in that direction."

— Garrison Keillor, *The News From Lake Wobegon*, January 16, 2010

Prayer Concerns

Members:

Due to privacy concerns, names are not included in the online version of the newsletter. Please contact the church office at mail@coffeyvillefirstumc.org to request a current list.

Family and Friends:

Those grieving the loss of:

For community leaders: City and county officials; USD 445 board, administrators, teachers and employees; and members of the armed forces.

If you know of any changes that need to be made to the prayer concerns please fill out the form found in the Sunday bulletin, call the church office at 620-251-3240, or email linda@coffeyvillefirstumc.org.

Our Giving

February 7: General Fund - \$6,265; Board of Trustees - \$174; Sunday School - \$30; Emergency Assist. Fund - \$100

February 14: General Fund - \$3,614; Board of Trustee - \$8; Sunday School - \$24.50; Haiti Help Offering - \$20

February 21: General Fund - \$3,199; Board of Trustees - \$45; Sunday School - \$24.50; Emergency Assist. Fund - \$402; CCC Scholarship, Joshua Mendy - \$50

February 28: General Fund - \$5,759; Board of Trustees - \$18; Sunday School - \$30; Emergency Assist. Fund - \$12; Bridges to the Future - \$4; Youth Fund - \$7.20

March 7: General Fund - \$5,699.30; Board of Trustees - \$112; Sunday School - \$32.20; Emergency Assist Fund - \$2; Haiti Help Offering - \$10; Pantry - \$10; Genesis - \$25

March 14, 2010: General Operating Fund - \$2,659; Board of Trustees - \$5; Sunday School Offering - \$27; Genesis, Inc. - \$25; Emergency Assist. Fund - \$2;

March 21, 2010: General Operating Fund - \$978 [This was a Sunday with a large amount of snow and many churches did not hold services.]

March Birthdays

- 29 Cindy Baldwin
- 30 Jody Hamby
- 31 Dick Conklin

April Birthdays

- 2 Jeanne Page
- 3 Kathy Wood
- 4 Mildred Beiter, Nancy Garton, and Charley Hayes
- 6 Dolores Stallings
- 7 Maxine Thompson
- 10 Helen Banzet
- 18 George Pruitt
- 20 Susie Sprague, Doug Winston, and Florence Witherspoon
- 21 Sue Carpenter, Pam Jones, Pat McCoy, and Paul Miller
- 23 Jane Mashburn
- 24 Kathy Levis
- 25 Keith Hunt
- 29 Rodger Henderson and Dorotha Taylor

May Birthdays

- 1 Francis Cooper
- 5 Mary Ingram, Jo Locke, and Jay Shearhart
- 7 Don Lank
- 8 Marilyn Pruitt
- 10 Bob Herring and Keith Rigdon
- 16 Meredith Misch
- 17 Vic Locke, Jr. and Gilmer Nellis
- 18 Judy Neely
- 19 Myron Kelso
- 20 Liz Collins
- 23 French Hey
- 24 Brady Merriman and David Page
- 29 Melba Johnson
- 31 Phyllis Beeson

June Birthdays

- 1 Jewel Hunt
- 4 Bev Lawson
- 5 Louise Hopkins
- 7 Dave Larimore and Margaret Lyberger
- 11 Anne Ketterman and Rex Williams
- 15 Marjorie Fuller
- 16 Pat Layton
- 17 Sonya Rigdon
- 18 Norma Alter
- 20 Susan Tuggle
- 22 Bert Lanning and Jim Lawson
- 25 Paul Griffiths
- 27 Larry Hiner
- 28 Steve Rauch
- 30 Betty Gearhart

July Birthdays

- 3 Gayle Lank
- 4 Audrey Tuggle
- 5 Charles Cornett
- 6 Phil Mashburn
- 8 Danny Funk
- 9 Edwin Neale
- 10 Phyllis Pevehouse
- 11 Max Williams
- 14 Betty Sullivan
- 17 Judy Hiner
- 19 Joan Shearhart
- 20 Rowene McClure
- 21 Kay Henderson
- 25 J.L. Hunt and Mary Neely
- 27 Tom Ingram and Nolan Luhn
- 28 Cornelia Davis
- 29 Pratt Barndollar, Jr. and Gene Hughey
- 30 Dorothy Durkin and Betty Hayes

We are listing birthdays for several months at a time so that additions and corrections can be made before a birthday passes. Please let us know of any additions or corrections that are needed.

Regular Weekly Events

Sunday	8:10 a.m.	Worship in the Chapel (Small Worship Area)
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School and Coffee Time
	10:50 a.m.	Worship in the Sanctuary (Large Worship Area)
	5:00 p.m.	Youth
Monday	7:15 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Choir Practice

Church Calendar

Sunday, March 28	4:00 p.m.	Veggie Tales Movie Event: Madame Blueberry
Monday, March 29	12:00 p.m.	<i>Get Over Yourself; God's Here</i> Lunch Conversations
Friday, April 2	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service of Tenebrae — Chapel
Sunday, April 4	9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast — Fellowship Hall
Monday, April 5	12:00 p.m.	<i>Get Over Yourself; God's Here</i> Lunch Conversations
Wednesday, April 7	1:30 p.m.	UMW Unit Meeting
	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting — Room 102
Monday, April 12	12:00 p.m.	<i>Get Over Yourself; God's Here</i> Lunch Conversations
Tuesday, April 13	9:30 a.m.	Clergy Connection Meeting — Parsons Wesley UMC
Wednesday, April 14	5:15 p.m.	Vision Team Meeting — Room 102
Thursday, April 15	6:00 p.m.	Evening UMW Circle
Sat.-Sun., April 17-18		"Change the World" activities
	1:30 p.m.	UMW Afternoon Circle
Monday, April 26	9:00 a.m.	Incubator — Parsons Wesley UMC
Wednesday, April 28	5:15 p.m.	Vision Team Meeting — Room 102
Monday, May 3	10:00 a.m.	BOOM Interview Task Force Meeting — Burlington UMC
Wednesday, May 5	5:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting — Room 102
Thursday, May 6	5:30 p.m.	UMW All Daughter Dinner
Sunday, May 9	All Day	Mother's Day
Monday, May 10	11:30 a.m.	Salvation Army Community Service Volunteers — Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, May 12	5:15 p.m.	Vision Team Meeting — Room 102
Thursday, May 13	10:00 a.m.	Board of Ordained Ministry Meeting — Topeka First UMC
Tuesday, May 18	10:00 a.m.	KEC CFA Meeting — Conference Office
Wednesday, May 19	1:30 p.m.	UMW Afternoon Circle
Thursday, May 20	6:00 p.m.	UMW Evening Circle
Wednesday, May 26	5:15 p.m.	Vision Team Meeting — Room 102

An regularly updated calendar can be found online at coffeyvillefirstumc.org.

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