



FAITH @ FIRST

McKenzie First United Methodist Church exists to worship God and

enable open-minded people to discover the freedom of God's grace through Jesus Christ.

October 13, 2010

A View from the Pew

"It's going to be all right." Comforting words for a small child when he has scraped his elbow or lost a ball game or has been made fun by other kids at school. As adults we know that many of the things which happen in life will soon be forgotten. It really will be all right. But as we get older, we also learn that a lot of other things are not going to be all right – at least from a human point of view. When we see and experience the tragedies and the broken dreams, we know that it won't get better just because someone tells us that everything is going to work out ok. Life does not always unfold that way.

We need encouragement, but it needs to be more than an empty saying or best wishes or good luck. Hardships will continue to plague us. We need encouragement grounded in truth - the truth which equips us to face the future with hope.

When Paul and Barnabas went to the synagogue in Antioch to worship, the leaders asked if they had any words of encouragement for the people. As they gathered to worship, the people were looking for encouragement.

Paul gave them the most encouraging words of truth that he knew: "Through Jesus there is forgiveness of sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God." (Acts 13:15 NLT)

Paul offered no empty promises that government was going to improve. He said nothing about the economy improving or people being healed or relationships being restored. Even when things were discouraging or painful or difficult, they were temporary. Real encouragement came from the viewpoint of eternity. Through Jesus there is forgiveness of sins. Everyone who believes in him is declared right with God.

There are some silent, hurting people who very much need some words of encouragement. You may not be able to promise them that life will get better this week, or possibly in this life, but you can tell them of the peace and joy which Jesus offers them now, and encourage them with the truth that Jesus is the one who forgives our sins and is the hope of eternity.

- Fred -

Sunday, Oct. 17, Text: Matthew 5:13-16

October 17 is Laity Sunday

This year the theme suggested by the General Board of Discipleship is "Disciples Transforming the World: Through Presence", which doesn't mean just showing up bodily for the morning worship service on Sunday or Sunday Night Lights, or Wednesday FLOW or Prayer in the Chapel, or any of our other "church" activities.

In order to transform the world, presence means not only being involved in church functions, but also showing the presence of God within us to those around us as we go about our everyday lives.

Some of our members will tell us of their involvement in the church and in the community, and why they do what they do. Some of our speakers will surprise you. ☺ Perhaps you and I, too, will hear the call of God.



Operation Christmas Child

Each Sunday in October we will be collecting items for the "shoeboxes". There is a place in the lobby for your contributions.

Oct. 17th – Toys; small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals.

Oct. 24th – Hygiene products; soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

Oct. 31st – Candy, mints, gum, socks, hair clips, sunglasses, coloring books, etc. Please put food items in plastic baggies.

Honorarium and Memorial Option

We now have a fund started for our Praise Band so that we can continue to buy items when they are needed. If you've not been to a Sunday Night Lights service yet, you're missing a blessing!

Benefit for Lori Pearson

There will be a *Never Quit Benefit* for Lori Pearson on Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Carroll County Civic Center in Huntingdon from 11 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Many of us remember her from her teaching days here. More information is on the bulletin board by the office back door.

Please pray for... Family of Ben Frank Dill; First Place 4 Health participants; Sunday Night Lights; Sean Kyle; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; James Taylor; Angela Ezell; Laverta & Ernest Bynum; Daniel Western; The world; Alice Curnutt; Peter Tapp; Felicia Mesavage; Mary & Darrell Karas; Bill Knight; Darlene Martinez; Becky Herron; Debbie Riley; Roberta Newman; Courtney Worlds; Michael Giles; Sandy Hutt; Larry Riley; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Carla, Walter & Bubba Waddle; Bill & Betty Featherstone; Sam Featherstone; Martha Johnson; Lisa & Rusty McDowell; Mitch Merrick; Sara & Oscar Owen; Joey Anderson & family; Anders Rider; J. W. Sterling; Mildred Bunnell; Lori Pearson; Drake Damesworth & family; Charlotte McGinnis; Terry Brown; Brandon Langley; Bev Nord; Betty Annis; Dr. Carl Freeman; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Bob & Jo Newton; Lucy Hickman; Eadie Van Nostrand; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Sybil King; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Lola Alexander; Jim Purcell; Al Ownby; Ina Faye Hall & family; Muriel Johnson; Mary Jo Vaughn; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next week at our church

Sunday, October 17

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service – Laity Sunday
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise handbell practice
- 7:00 p.m. Praise band practice

Monday, October 18

11:30 a.m. Hilltoppers

Wednesday, October 20

- 11:00 a.m. Prayer in the Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 5:30 p.m. C & Y Christmas project
- 6:00 p.m. FLOW meal
Menu: Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, dessert
- 6:30 p.m. C & Y classes
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Libby Oakley, Allie Harvey
- LITURGIST** – Diane Harvey
- NURSERY** – Donna Bruce, Shelly Dillon
- GREETERS** – Glenn & Kathy Sacks
- USHERS** – Dianne Anderson; chairperson, Donna Bruce, Gina King

October 16 Meals on Wheels Angels

Cooks: Kevan & Gina King
Delivery: Tim & Curtis Broadbent, Hollye Rider

October 20 Office Angels

Mildred Colotta, Juanita Finley

October 20 Kitchen Angels

Crew Leader: Clark Brown; Bill & Margaret Stoner, Betsy Campbell, Joan & Hoot Gibson, Bettie Scates, Sandi McMahan, Pam & Eddie Freeman, Brenda Berryman, Elaine Brown, Debbie Riley

October United Neighbors needed items:

deodorant, shampoo, canned meat

Telephone numbers to reach the pastor: office 352-2456; home 352-2730; cell 731-617-0142. Please don't hesitate to call if you have a need.

FUMC Staff

- J. Larry Riley, *Pastor*
- John Pugh, *Pastor Emeritus*
- Fred Sistler, *Director of Ministries*
- Charlene Jones, *Director of Music*
- Sandra McMahan, *Organist, Handbell Director*
- Donna Bruce & Gina King, *C & Y Directors*
- Kathy Patterson, *Administrative Assistant*

Honorariums and Memorials October 10, 2010

- In Honor of Charlene Jones**
Raymond & Jessie McDade MOW
- In Memory of Mary Frances David**
Raymond & Jessie McDade MOW
- In Memory of Ben Frank Dill**
Kent & Charlene Jones
- In Memory of Alceyone Smith**
Kent & Charlene Jones
Raymond & Jessie McDade MOW
Eddie & Pam Freeman Praise Band
Marshall & Robin Russell MOW
Mike Laughrey & Jill Holland MOW
- In Memory of Jimmy Weatherford**
Raymond & Jessie McDade MOW

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

Pancake Breakfast Postponed: The breakfast planned for Saturday has been postponed since the Senor Citizens Center has one that day.

Saturday, Oct. 16th we will be visiting **Holt Farms** in Dresden. Admission price is \$5.00 for ages 3 years and up, 2 and under free and includes admission to all areas of the farm, hay mazes, corn mazes, playground, hay rides, and petting zoo. You can purchase pumpkins from \$1 to \$7, 10" mums for \$6.00, or visit the store and purchase homemade soaps and fresh fruits and vegetables. This is a great trip for adults as well as youth, so anybody who wants to go will be welcome. Bring a picnic lunch, meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and we'll return early afternoon.

Smiley Update - Only 12 days into the month and Smiley has been seen all over town. Some homeowners don't want to give him up! Watch out...you could be next!!

Wed. Oct. 27th - Bingo and potluck chili supper. How many different ways can chili be made? We want to find out....there'll be a sign up sheet this week and next to bring chili, cornbread, hotdogs, or anything else you think would go well with chili. We'll be having a costume contest for EVERYBODY, playing Bingo (with prizes), and enjoying some awesome fellowship.

Thanks Corner . . .

*First United Methodist Church,
My mother, Mary Frances Aden, soon to be 92 still enjoys receiving your church paper. The minister's articles are timely and some of the people's names are familiar.
God Bless,
John Van Lierop, Jr.
(her son)*

Thank you for your care and concern during my hospitalization and recovery. Thank you for helping us through this time with your prayers, cards, calls, visits, and food. Every kind act is acknowledged with deep appreciation. I look forward to being back with you soon.

*In Christ,
Suzanne Russell*