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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 14, 2009

A View from the Pew

Martha was hospitable. She liked having people in her home. She liked cooking and watching people enjoy her food. No one would say that Martha was not a caring, sharing person.

Today she had very important guests. Jesus himself was there with his disciples. Just like here during the holidays when friends and family come to visit, there was a lot of work to do. When there are fifteen people to feed, it makes a big difference between one or two people doing the work – particularly when all of the cooking and baking is done over a wood fire and everything is prepared by hand. Instead of Martha's sister helping in the kitchen, Mary wasn't doing anything. She was just sitting in the living room listening to Jesus. It was a very tense and frustrated Martha that asked Jesus to send Mary to help with the preparations.

Instead of receiving the help she expected, Jesus told Martha she was worried and upset over a lot of things, but what Mary was doing was actually more important. – Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

Is it possible we are getting worried and upset because we are doing so many necessary and important things for God that we are not taking time to listen to him? Are we frustrated about what others are not doing to help, when we are not focusing on what is the most important?

Sometimes I wonder how much of our stress and frustration is really a faith issue.

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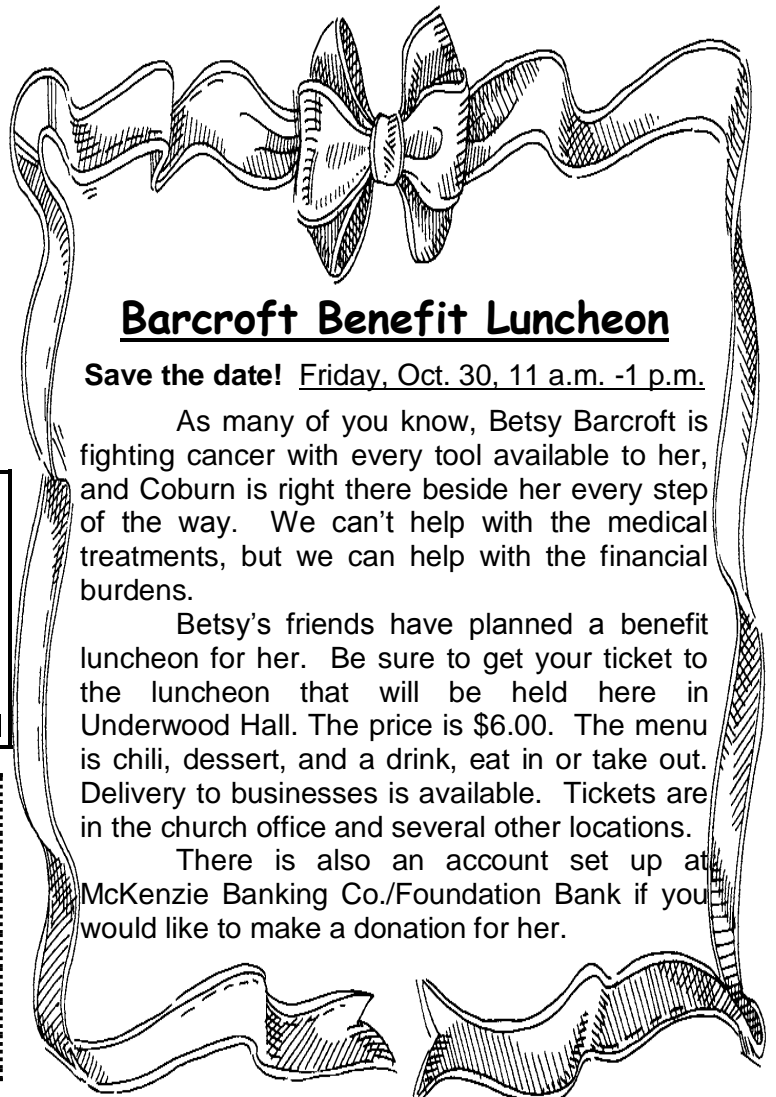
October 18 is Laity Sunday. Our speaker this year will be Marvin Williams, Charles and Betty Thompson's nephew, who recently received a heart transplant.

Church Work Day

Great response to our work day on October 3rd. So great, we're going to do it again! Just a few more things need attention, so put it on your calendar for this Saturday, October 17 at 1:00 p.m. Many hands make light (and quick) work. **Everyone is asked to help, not just UMM.**



Our fourth annual **Family Fun Day** begins right after morning worship this coming Sunday, October 18th. Dress casually and plan to stay for grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, jumping houses, a rock wall, Fantasy Face Painting, apple bobbing, cake walk, and more! You don't need to be able to climb a rock wall or jump in a jumping house to enjoy watching others, so plan to stay for lunch and the fellowship.



Barcroft Benefit Luncheon

Save the date! Friday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

As many of you know, Betsy Barcroft is fighting cancer with every tool available to her, and Coburn is right there beside her every step of the way. We can't help with the medical treatments, but we can help with the financial burdens.

Betsy's friends have planned a benefit luncheon for her. Be sure to get your ticket to the luncheon that will be held here in Underwood Hall. The price is \$6.00. The menu is chili, dessert, and a drink, eat in or take out. Delivery to businesses is available. Tickets are in the church office and several other locations.

There is also an account set up at McKenzie Banking Co./Foundation Bank if you would like to make a donation for her.

Please pray for . . . Family of Ann Sexton; Family of Rebecca Riley; Family of Nick Bryant; College students away from home; Alice Curnutt; Mary & Darrell Karas; Angela Allen; All of God's children and all living things that breathe; Vicki Foster; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Linda Joyner; Gordon Wheatley; Ed Townsend; Sam Featherstone; First Place 4 Health Participants; Bill, Kristie, Will, & Alexie Reaves; Carolyn Bishop; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia McKennie; Jonathan Stanfill; Louise Moore; The Jarretts; The Broadbents, The Chappells; The Smiths; The McBrides; Tim McBride; Anna Weatherford; Shirley Martin; Lucy Hickman; Jacob, Leah, & Emma Partridge; Soldiers & family members of 194th ENBDE; Betsy Barcroft; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Betty Simmons; Marvin & Judy Williams; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Mary Frances & Don David; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Lola Alexander; Jean A. Melton; Margaret & Jim Purcell; Ina Faye Hall & family; Muriel Johnson; Mary Jo Vaughn; Ray & Brenda Berryman; Eadie Van Nostrand; Becky Herron; Kellett Hochreiter; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next week at our church

Sunday, October 18

Laity Sunday

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Family Fun Day
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell rehearsal

Monday, October 19

- 11:30 a.m. Hilltoppers
- 7:00 p.m. Corinthians Sub-group meeting at the home of Diane Stafford

Wednesday, October 20

- 6:00 p.m. FLOW meal and classes
menu: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, dessert
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Jacob Pinson, Allie Harvey
- NURSERY** – Malissa Anderson, Emily Archer
- GREETERS** – Jason & Jennifer Pinson
- LITURGIST** – Charles Thompson
- USHERS** – Jennifer Pinson; chairperson, Dianne Anderson, Bev Nord, Gina King

October 17 Meals on Wheels Angels

- Cooks: Kevan & Gina King
- Delivery: Frank & Barbara Shiney
Christy & Mary Nethaway

Oct. 21 Wednesday Office Angels

- Mildred Colotta, Juanita Finley

Oct. 21 FLOW Kitchen Angels: Team 3

- Jimmy & Kathy Patterson, Truman & Trudy Bateman, Edward Sexton, Harold & Suzanne Russell, Mildred Colotta, Jim & Linda Arnold, John Oakley, Robin Russell

October United Neighbors needed items:

- Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce

FUMC Staff

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

Memorials **October 11, 2009**

In Memory of Rebecca Riley

Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW
 Kent & Charlene Jones

In Memory of Ann Sexton

Jerry & Emily Archer
 Jimmy & Kathy Patterson Mission
 Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW
 Kent & Charlene Jones
 Corinthians Sub-group
 Meredith Lampley Choir
 Bob Edwards Choir
 Marian Smith
 Charles & Betty Thompson Mission

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

Oct. 17 – Holt Family Farms – Pre-K – 8th grade. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m., bring a sack lunch.

Oct. 18 – Family Fun Day – The fun starts immediately after church services.

Oct. 28 – Halloween Costume Contest – Come dressed in your favorite costume and you may win a prize. We'll be roasting weinies, making s'mores, and having Halloween activities.

UMW News

The Philippine Methodist College Scholarship Fund contributors to this date are Lucille Russell, Lois Pugh, Mildred Colotta, Suzanne Russell, Marian Smith, Marilyn Putman, Juanita Finley, Edward Sexton, UMW, and an anonymous donor. We thank each one of these and ask that you consider adding to our fund so that we can make a difference in a student's life. So far we have received a total of \$271.00 of the \$400.00 needed to sponsor a scholarship at the Southern Philippines Methodist College, where Audrey Sistler's sister is the head. The college offers degrees in theology, early childhood education, elementary education and computer science. Its mission is "preparing leaders and educating the poor." Most of the students are from low-income/poor families who could not attend college without a scholarship.

Anyone who would like to donate to this scholarship will be greatly appreciated. Juanita Finley will gladly accept all donations toward this scholarship.

