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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.

February 17, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

In 1910 DeWitt Wallace developed a new idea for a magazine. It would consist of a collection of condensed articles and he would call it the *Reader's Digest*. He put together a proposed sample and sent it to publishers throughout the country. Nobody seemed interested. DeWitt was terrible discouraged.

About the same time he met Lila Bell Acheson, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Before long they fell in love. Lila believed in DeWitt's dream. She wouldn't let him give up and encouraged him to keep trying his wonderful idea for the magazine. Boosted by her faith in him, DeWitt started mailing circular letters to potential subscribers.

In October 1921, Lila married DeWitt. On returning from their honeymoon, they found a bundle of letters from interested subscribers. Together they worked on Volume 1, Number 1, which appeared in February, 1922. DeWitt Wallace included Lila Bell Acheson as his cofounder, co-editor and co-owner. Over the years *Reader's Digest* has been printed in eighteen languages and is the best selling magazine in the entire world.*

DeWitt and Lila were more than a married couple, they were true friends. They believed in each other; encouraged and supported one another.

Oh what lessons for the Church are in DeWitt and Lila's story. Like this inspiring couple, the Church is to work together and respect one another so we can accomplish the dream that God has for God's kingdom in the world.

The love of God in the lives of God's people serves to encourage and cheer on those who are called to the task of Christian ministry. With God's encouraging and indwelling love, the church will accomplish God's impossible dream in the world.

The Peace of God! Larry

**Stories for the Heart*

Sunday, Feb. 21, text: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
title: A Time to Remember

Memphis Conference Reporter

It is subscription renewal time for the twice monthly conference newspaper. If you've never read it, you don't know what you're missing. Not only does it contain articles about what is happening in our conference churches, but also with Methodism world-wide.

Subscriptions begin June 1, 2010 and expire May 31, 2011 for the bargain price of just \$20.00. *The Memphis Conference Reporter* is self-supporting. No apportionment dollars underwrite the budget. Subscription forms are available in the church office. The deadline is March 31.

UMW News

Notice to the UMWomen – We need every member to pay their pledges. We have projects and our budget to take care of if we have enough money. Please take care of this as soon as you can. Thank you!

- President and Treasurer of UMW -

The following invitation has been received:

The Camden UMW of First United Methodist Church invite you to a Mission Study on Saturday, February 27th, 9:00 'til 2:30. Bring a hand mirror, food for food pantry, Bible, and your church Cookbook to swap

Kiwanis Parent's Night Out

Kiwanis of McKenzie cordially invites you to Parent's Night Out. All proceeds will go to help in the funding of Bethel University Circle K. Price: \$10.00 per child, children age 4 and up are welcome. There will be lots of games, activities, snacks and even a movie!! Friday, February 26th at the Bethel University Student Center Oasis Room. Registration is required by February 19th. Register by emailing names/ages to: CircleK@bethelu.edu or calling 352-4246.

Aluminum Can Tab Tops

Have you saved your tab tops all year? Now is the time to pass them along to the McKenzie Kiwanis K-Kids for their annual drive for the Ronald McDonald House that provides a "home-away-from-home" for children and their families who come to Memphis for treatment at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Please give your tab tops to a child or staff member at the elementary school or put them in the basket here in the church lobby by April 18th.

Please pray for . . . Family of Juanita Gunter; Family of Rev. Thomas Barber; Margaret Guzdial and family; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Mildred Bunnell; J. W. Sterling; Jennifer Pinson; Sue & Jerry Dorris; Don & Anita Heath; Thomas & Luceil Brummitt; Thomas Roditis; Shane McClelland; Trent Johnson; Louise Moore; Charlene Jones; Kathy Patterson; Our Church; Bro. Riley; Fred Sistler; All church leaders and volunteers; Karen May; William & Lorraine Dillon; McKenzie Fire & Rescue; Kendra Lundt; Katie Holmes; Sybil King; Al Ownby; All those unchurched; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Families and members of 278th ACR; Darlene Martinez; Ilene Pinkston; Bertha Knight; All the great wonders of God's world; First Place 4 Health participants; Sam Featherstone; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Jo Newton; Michelle Hagins; Anna Weatherford; David "Perk" and Betsy Kee Perkins; Mary Kee; Shirley Martin; Lucy Hickman; Jacob, Leah, & Emma Partridge; Soldiers & family members of 194th ENBDE; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; 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; Our troops overseas and at home.

The next week at our church

Sunday, February 21

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

Monday, February 22

9:00 a.m. CARE Group meeting

Tuesday, February 23

2:30 p.m. Imogene Sub-group meeting

Wednesday, February 24

5:30 p.m. Fellowship meal
 menu: Spaghetti, salad, dessert
 6:00 p.m. FLOW classes for all ages
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

ACOLYTES – Libby Oakley, Allie Harvey

NURSERY – Cherry Russell, Diane Anderson

GREETERS – Stephanie, Lexie, Emily Ann Bolin

USHERS – Richard Chappell; chairperson,
 Brad Chappell, Steve Russell, Lee Russell

Feb. 20 Meals on Wheels Angels

Cook: Kevan & Gina King
 Delivery: Frank & Barbara Shiney
 Christie & Mary Nethaway

Feb. 24 Wednesday Office Angels

Lanier Mabry, Frances Pate

Feb. 24 FLOW Kitchen Angels

Kevan & Gina King, Sylvia Hickman, Judy Kennon, Ronnie Bruce, Kent & Charlene Jones, Charles & Donna Pruneau, Sandi McMahan, Kevin & Diane Harvey, Bettie Scates

February United Neighbors needed items:

Peanut butter; plastic sacks

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

February 14, 2010

In Memory of Juanita Gunter

Sandi McMchen Handbells

In Memory of Minnie Pinazzi

Sandi McMahan Handbells

In Memory of Lola Sistler

Sandi McMahan Mission
 June Brummitt Choir
 Glenn & Kathy Sacks MOW
 Barney & Lossie Beers MOW
 Fred's Sunday School Class S. P. M. C.
 Lucille Russell S. P. M. C.
 Friendship Sunday School Class S. P. M. C.

Sunglasses Sunday is February 28

Extend God's Love to Those Losing Their Sight

It's that time of year again. There is a basket in the church lobby for eyeglasses and sunglasses for Project 20/20 and donations of money are also gratefully accepted in the office. Every \$5.00 donated pays the cost of providing a professional eye exam and eyeglasses to one person. Imagine how that one life will improve!

The next **Mountain Mission** pick-up date is Tuesday, **March 9**. Please hold your donations at home until Sunday, March 7, as we have no storage space here at the church.

V. B. S.

Vacation Bible School is just a few short months away – July 11th through 15th. Jennifer Pinson is our VBS Director this year, and she is already looking for volunteers to fill a whole bunch of job slots. Please talk to Jennifer about what you can do to help make this year's VBS the best ever.

Opportunities still available

We are still looking for photographers as well as someone for bulletin board updating. Could it be you?

Wednesday Night for Adults

One of the best known prayers of the Bible is the Lord's Prayer. This has been the subject of Wednesday night's group studies at 6 p.m. Attendance is growing but there is room for others.

Let me encourage each one to make the Lord's Prayer the framework for your daily prayers. Brother John Pugh is so graciously leading us; showing us the importance of each clause in our Lord's wording. You will not need a study guide, only you Bible. See you here.

Larry

THANKS CORNER . . .

I would like to thank all of you who made my sister Janet's visit here such an encouraging experience for her. She really appreciated your interest in her work in the Philippines and commented that our group was the largest Wednesday night group she had spoken to. I am grateful for the UMW members who worked to make the Tuesday night and Wednesday noon meetings so enjoyable.

Thanks! Audrey