

First United Methodist Church

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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 3, 2010**

## **Two Kinds of Grace!**

There is an old story about a man in an old-timey revival service who prayed and then wanted to join the church. He confessed before the people that he needed forgiveness for stealing half of a haystack from a neighbor. Then he said, "I'll also need forgiveness for the other half of the haystack, because I'm going back tomorrow night and steal the remainder."

Then, history tells of an attempted assassination of the first Queen Elizabeth. A woman who wanted to kill the queen hid in her bedroom and waited for night to stab her.

Before the queen retired, her attendant was always careful to search the queen's rooms. Thus, the attendant discovered the would-be killer and disarmed her.

Realizing the hopeless case against her, the assailant fell upon her knees and begged the queen to show her grace. The queen eventually said, "I pardon you out of my grace." Amazingly, history reports from that moment on, Queen Elizabeth never had a more faithful servant than the forgiven woman who intended to take her life. Christian grace is beautifully illustrated here. This is what God has done for us through Jesus, our Savior.

There are two different views of grace illustrated here. The two choices are Cheap Grace or Transforming Grace. Which one do you want to live out in your life?

I realize we do not begin the walk of faith as mature Christians. But it is not difficult to realize, like the would-be killer of Queen Elizabeth, our appropriate response to God's grace. God's grace truly experienced, leads to our loving gratitude and discipleship. That is why our tradition believes in **Transforming Grace**, which brings about faithfulness and devotion to Christ and the Church.

Looking for you in our church services on Sunday.

Larry

Sunday, Feb. 7 Text: I Corinthians 10:14-24

Title: Participation In Christ

## **United Methodist Men's Lunch**

The First United Methodist Men will host a chili/soup lunch after services on Sunday, Feb. 7. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the food and fellowship. Jimmy Patterson is making chili and promises that it will not be too hot. We will also have home-made vegetable and cream of potato soup, crackers, cheese, and dessert.

A love offering will be accepted to sustain our ongoing projects here at the church.

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH news**

**Wed., Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>** – 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes and 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes will be delivering Valentine cards to the McKenzie Health Care Center. We will leave at 6:00 and will return by 7:00. Permission slips required – be sure yours is on file.

**Sun., Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>** – The fifth annual College Goal Sunday TN will take place at Bethel University at 2:00 p.m. Volunteer financial aid officers, admissions representatives and others will help students and families complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This event is free of charge and is aimed at helping college bound students take the first step in applying for financial assistance, no matter their school of choice. Check out the bulletin board outside the church nursery for more info.

## **Health Kits for UMCOR**

Health kits for UMCOR can be brought to the church until February 14. The Paris District office will take care of getting them to the right place on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

In case you've lost your list, a health kit is 1 hand towel (15"x25" up to 17"x27", no kitchen towels), 1 washcloth, 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket sized), 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up), 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes), 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages, all sealed in a 1 gallon plastic bag. All items must be new items, nothing used.

Sager Brown purchases toothpaste as needed. Please include \$1.00 for each kit for toothpaste. Do not include ANYTHING else that is not on the list. Strict rules govern what can be brought into areas needing disaster relief.

## **Local Dogs to be in the Puppy Bowl**

Oreo and Bandit, who began their trek to stardom at the Carroll County Humane Society Shelter and then foster care with Margaret Stoner, will be appearing in the Puppy Bowl on Animal Planet at 2:00 on February 7. Bandit will be in the starting line-up and has a good chance to be voted MVP – Most Valuable Puppy. Pictures are on their website, [www.animal.discovery.com](http://www.animal.discovery.com).

**Please pray for . . .** Trudy Bateman; Fred Sistler & family; Bro. Riley & family; Thomas Roditis; J. W. Sterling; Mildred Bunnell; Mark Anderson I; Rea Todd; Christian neighbors; Soldiers and their families; Maggie Kotas; McKenzie Fire & Rescue; Shelly Dillon; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Families and members of the 278<sup>th</sup> ACR; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; Debbie Martinez; All of God's creations; 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 194<sup>th</sup> ENBDE; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Juanita Gunter; 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 7**

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Chili & soup lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Communion at Lakeside
- 4:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health

**Monday, February 8**

9:00 a.m. CARE Group meeting

**Wednesday, February 10**

- 5:30 p.m. Fellowship meal  
menu: BBQ chicken, veggies, bread, dessert
- 6:00 p.m. FLOW classes
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK**

**ACOLYTES** – Libby Oakley, Jacob Pinson

**LITURGIST** – Clark Brown

**NURSERY** – Betty Merrick, Jennifer Pinson

**GREETERS** – Truman & Trudy Bateman

**COMMUNION SERVERS** – Clark Brown  
Charles & Donna Pruneau

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

**Feb. 6 Meals on Wheels Angels**

Cooks: John, Lois, & David Pugh  
Charles & Betty Thompson  
Delivery: Edward Sexton, Charles & Betty Thompson

**Feb. 10 Wednesday Office Angels**

Barney & Lossie Beers

**Feb. 10 FLOW Kitchen Angels**

Kevan & Gina King, Richard & Peggy Chappell, Paul Glass, Jerry & Emily Archer, Stephanie Bolin, Fred & Audrey Sistler, Meredith Lampley, Nellie Hale

**February United Neighbors needed items:**

Peanut butter; plastic sacks

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.

**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*

**Memorials**

January 31, 2010

**In Memory of Betsy Barcroft**

Lola Alexander

**In Memory of Betty Simmons**

Lola Alexander

Imogene Sub-group

Communion

Christine Argo

**Lakeshore Wants Camp Memories**

Lakeshore United Methodist Assembly is collecting stories and pictures in an effort to compile a Thanksgiving and Advent Devotional for November and December 2010.

Please write about your Lakeshore Memory and please include a Scripture for your story. Send all stories and pictures to:

Bill Walker  
1458 Pilot Knob Road  
Eva, TN 38333

We appreciate your love and support for Lakeshore.

**Valentine Pancake Breakfast**

The MHS Seniors are having a Pancake Breakfast as a Project Graduation Fundraiser. The breakfast will be held at the McKenzie Church of Christ from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sat. Feb. 13th. The menu consists of pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, coffee, milk and orange juice for \$5.00/plate. Eat in, take out or have it delivered (for an additional \$2.00). Kevan and Gina King are in charge of the kitchen and hope you will come out and support our high school seniors.

**THANKS CORNER . . .**

Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent in memory of Betsy. We are also very grateful for the lunch you provided for the family after the funeral service and breakfast you provided at home. You were all very special to Betsy, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness during this difficult time.

Sincerely,  
Family of Betsy Barcroft

*Thank You!*  
I would like to thank my "crew" of workers who helped the Reelfoot Rural Mission last Thursday. Even though the mission benefited from 30 hours of work, the 10 of us shared a priceless Christian fellowship together. Thank you: Lucille Russell, Eddie Freeman, Bettie Scates, Larry Riley, Bill Stoner, Judy Kennon, Edward Sexton, and Betty and Charles Thompson. We will go again in February and March. Let's take 15 workers.

Thank you,  
Clark Brown

Dear Church Members,  
The family of Betty Simmons would like to thank everyone for the beautiful floral spray. It was deeply appreciated. Also a special thanks to Bro. Riley for his encouraging words and for the sympathy shown to us. Mother loved her church and the fellowship she enjoyed there. Thank you again so very much.

May God bless each of you,  
Ann & Jerry Chandler  
Don & Jan Simmons