

First United Methodist Church

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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.

March 24, 2010

A WORD from the PASTOR

This coming Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, the final week of Lent. Palm Sunday is the first day of Holy Week. It celebrates Jesus' return to Jerusalem, where people spread palm branches and clothing at his feet as He entered the city. Many churches hand out palm leaves during services.

The following Thursday is called Maundy Thursday or Holy Thursday. It recalls Jesus' last meal and his arrest and imprisonment. Many Protestant churches hold Communion services on this day. In some traditions the washing of feet is practiced by members to signify Jesus washing the feet of his disciples before the Communion meal.

The end of Holy week is marked with the commemoration of Good Friday. It observes the crucifixion of Jesus. Many churches hold special services symbolizing the dark hours Jesus suffered in his passion and on the cross. We will hold a special service at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 2nd. The week ends the next day on Holy Saturday, which is chiefly a time of solemn vigil. In some churches the lights are extinguished that night.

Holy week leads up to Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many church-goers wear white or yellow, which are traditional spring colors. Some services are held at dawn to observe the rising sun in conjunction with the joy of our Risen Savior. The community Sunrise service will be here at First United Methodist at 7 a.m.

Let's mark our calendars to make plans to honor the Lord on these special days.

Larry

Sunday, Mar. 28 Text: Luke 19:28-48

Title: Praise and Protest

Easter is Near!!

Next week is **Holy Week**, so be sure to make your plans now to attend our special services.

We begin on Palm Sunday with a special guest musician, Dr. Keith Herris, who will add his piano talents to Sandi's during our anthem, as well as the call to worship. Palm branches be presented by our young ones.

Wednesday's *FLOW* for the 1-4th graders will be a special treat for our members in McKenzie Healthcare and Lakeside, as the kids will be delivering Easter Baskets and visiting.

Our Good Friday service will begin at 7 p.m. This is a somber service that recalls the depth of Jesus' love for us and the price He was willing to pay.

Easter Egg Hunt-----Saturday morning at 10 a.m. All young 'uns, ages walking through fourth grade, are invited to this annual event sponsored by the Mullins Sub Group.

Then comes Easter Sunday! What a celebration!

The Community Sunrise Service will be held here this year at 7 a.m. We'll have Pastors Larry Riley, Ann Hames, Tony Janner, and Dennis Trull participating in this joyous once-a-year event. The offering collected at this service goes directly to United Neighbors.

Our 10:50 service promises to be a blessing for all. Five trombone and trumpet players (all Bethel students) will join us as guest musicians. We'll "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" that you don't want to miss!

Mullins Sub Group is Compiling "The Tribute Cookbook" We Need Recipes

Are you gathering your recipes to share? Please don't put it on the back burner.....

Our goal is to have the cookbook compiled and ready to sell by Fall 2010 (so people can stock up for Christmas presents). To do this, we need recipes compiled very soon. If you can, e-mail your recipes to either glassj@bethelu.edu or to jpinson4@gmail.com. If you don't have access to e-mail, there will be a basket outside the church office where you can place your recipes for the cookbook. Proceeds from this cookbook will support the missions of the Mullin Sub-Group.



Round up all the little ones you know from walking through fourth grade for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. The fun begins at 10 a.m.

Please pray for... Family of Anna Pirtle; John Johnson; Zia Locke; Ben Dillon; Mark Dillon; Tommy Ellis; Our church; Bro. Riley; Fred Sistler; Darlene Martinez; Bro. Pugh, Lois, & David; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Dennis Shelby; Hope Shelby; Judy Norrid; Sam Featherstone; Thomas Roditis; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Members and families of the 278th ACR; Wade & Cindy Kiesler; Bart Williams; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Lynn Dorris; Don & Anita Heath; Thomas & Luceil Brummitt; Confirmation participants; Trent Johnson; J. W. Sterling; Mildred Bunnell; Darra Adkins; Grady Jonathan Stanfill; Bob & Marilyn Putman; Jo Newton; Anna Weatherford; David "Perk" and Betsy Kee Perkins; Mary Kee; Shirley Martin; Lucy Hickman; Jacob, Leah, & Emma Partridge; Soldiers & family members of 194th ENBDE; Eadie Van Nostrand; Ernestine Branon; Joyce McBride; Sybil King; Carolyn Burke; Mary Lou & Bill Boothe; Mary Frances & Don David; Ruth Moncrief; Raymond & Jessie McDade; Lola Alexander; Jean A. Melton; Jim Purcell; Al Ownby; 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, March 28

- Palm Sunday
- 8:30 a.m. UMM Meeting
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Class
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Senior Adult Luncheon
- 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health
- 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell rehearsal

Wednesday, March 31

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

Friday, April 2

- Good Friday - Office Closed
- 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 3

- 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK

- ACOLYTES** – Timothy Dillon, Jacob Pinson
- NURSERY** – Shelly Dillon, Donna Bruce
- GREETERS** – Rikke, Johnathan, Jeana Curtis
- USHERS** – Glenn Sacks; chairperson, Ronnie Bruce, Mark Dillon

March 27 Meals on Wheels Angels

Cook: Fred & Audrey Sistler
Delivery: Jodie, John, & Jake Johnson
Jill Holland & Harris Laughrey

March 31 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

March United Neighbors needed items:

Toilet paper; peanut butter

- Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
- A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

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

March 21, 2010

In Honor of Kent & Charlene Jones

Mildred Colotta Choir

In Memory of Margaret Purcell

Kent & Charlene Jones
Bruce & Julie Purcell
Bruce & Julie Purcell MOW
Ray & Brenda Berryman

Relay for Life Auction

It's that time of year....time to bake and time to bid on the goodies to raise money to help fight cancer. The sale is next week, Monday, March 29, through Friday, April 2, and begins at 1 p.m. each day. It will be broadcast live on radio stations 1440 AM and 98.9 FM. If you haven't already committed to donating something, call Ann Anderson at 731-571-1049 to get on the list. Let's help keep our total amount raised higher each year.

The church is starting a **Sunday evening** praise band. Our organizational meeting will be Sunday evening April 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in playing or singing in it or helping with sound system, please tell Kevin Harvey or Fred Sistler.



Prayers and Prayers needed

If you are interested in meeting regularly with one other person to pray (prayer partner), please let Fred Sistler know. There has been some interest expressed in this.

CHILDREN & YOUTH news

Lakeshore Summer Camp: Registration Forms and information on various camp dates are posted outside the church nursery. Summer is almost here and you'll want to reserve your camp date before spots fill up.

We're in the planning stages of a 4th of July float and are looking for a trailer. If you have a 16 foot or larger trailer that we could use, please contact Gina King at 415-1984.

United Methodist Men

It's time for the UMM Annual Meeting at Archer's Chapel UMC. We know from past years how good the food is (catfish, country ham, and all the trimmings), and the Fincher Family Singers provide wonderful music. The featured speaker this year is Jackie Fincher. The meeting date is Tuesday, April 20th. Dinner begins at 5 p.m., cost is \$12.00 per person. Reservations must be made by April 6. If you plan to attend, let Clark Brown know.

The UMM Spring Golf Scramble will be held at the Brownsville Country Club on Saturday, May 1, 7:30 a.m. sign in, 8:00 a.m. tee off, shot gun start. The cost is \$55 per person (includes green fee, cart, registration, food and beverage). Bring you own team/s or they will be happy to team you with others.

Registration forms are on the bulletin board
outside the hallway office door.