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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.*

**March 3, 2010**



### It's time to order Easter Lilies

Order forms for our "in honor or in memory of" Easter Lilies will be in the bulletin for the next 3 Sundays, or you may call the office. The price of each lily is \$12.00, and you may take yours home with you after the 10:50 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, April 4.

### Reelfoot Rural Ministries Workday

We had so much fun last month at Reelfoot, we're going back again. The Reelfoot food pantry and thrift store is in need of volunteers to put donated items where they can be used when needed. We'll meet in the church parking lot on **Thursday, March 11** at 8:30 a.m. and return that afternoon. If you'd like to join this group, talk to Clark Brown or be here ready to go at 8:30 on the 11th.

### Methodist Mountain Mission

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.

Needs at this time are household items such as dishes, silverware, pots and pans, small kitchen appliances good usable furniture, underwear, socks, shoes, and as always, all of the other wonderful good and usable items you donate to the Mission.

The Mission reports that their people love it when they are able to purchase brand new items (with the tags still on them!) at the Opportunity Store. They thank us for sharing these treasures along with all the others.

They have also found that the best boxes in which to stock clothing in the warehouse are banana boxes. They stack flat and evenly. If possible, they would love to have the items we send packed in banana boxes (sometimes available at the grocery), or even empty ones. Of course, donations are always gratefully accepted no matter what kind of box or bag they are in!

### Senior Adult Luncheon

There will be a catered luncheon following the morning worship on Sunday, March 28 for senior adults. It will be a time to ask questions and offer suggestions on how our church can best meet your needs and how you can be involved in ministry. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to attend. We very much need your participation.

What happens at this meeting will help shape our church's work with seniors in the years to come. We need a definite head count for the caterer, so please call the office to RSVP or sign up on the bulletin board outside the office back door as soon as possible.

### 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.

### You can do this!

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

### V. B. S.

Vacation Bible School is just a few short months away – July 11<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Jennifer Pinson is our VBS Director this year, and she is looking for volunteers in several areas. Please talk to Jennifer about what you can do to help make this year's VBS the best ever.

The office computer quit working last week. The new one doesn't work exactly as the old one did. Please bear with me as I figure it out. Prayers will be appreciated, too. *Kathy*

Sunday, Mar. 7, text: Isaiah 33:17-21  
title: Words of Promise and Hope

Please pray for . . . Family of Margaret Purcell; Family of Ailene Dunning; Family of Rozelle Wiseman; Trent Johnson; Ricky Miller; John D'Adamio, Sr.; The people of Haiti & volunteers; The people of Chili & volunteers; Our church; Pastor Larry Riley; Eva Sue & Jerry Dorris; Lynn Dorris; Don & Anita Heath; Thomas & Luceil Brummitt; William & Lorraine Dillon; Bill Dillon; Joe Raccio; McKenzie Fire & Rescue; Otis Nash; Betty Beaton; Alice Curnutt; Hunter Smith; Shelly Dillon; Mark Dillon; Bonnie Dillon; Ed Dillon; Kim Smith; Larry Smith; Trevor Smith; Brenna Smith; Ben Dillon; Abused children of the world; Strength for the days ahead; Mary Jane Sexton Brewer; Vickie Foster; Members and families of 278th ACR; First Place 4 Health participants; Darlene Martinez; Ilene Pinkston; Bertha Knight; Charles Hodge; Rachel Pruiett; J. W. Sterling; Willie Mae Moore; Vicki Harper; Thomas Roditis; Sam Featherstone; Sandi & Kim McMahan; Zia Locke; 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 194<sup>th</sup> 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 7**

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:50 a.m. Worship Service  
 1:00 p.m. Communion at Lakeside Sr. Living  
 5:00 p.m. First Place 4 Health  
 6:00 p.m. Peals of Praise Handbell rehearsal

**Monday, March 8**

9:00 a.m. CARE Group meeting  
 6:00 p.m. Staff meeting

**Tuesday, March 9**

Mountain Mission pick-up

**Wednesday, March 10**

5:30 p.m. Fellowship meal  
 menu: Pork chops, veggies, bread, dessert  
 6:00 p.m. FLOW classes for all ages  
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Practice

**Thursday, March 11**

8:30 a.m. Leave parking lot for Reelfoot  
 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting

**VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK**

**ACOLYTES** – Allie Harvey, Timothy Dillon

**LITURGIST** – Malissa Anderson

**NURSERY** – Amanda Oakley, Emily Archer

**GREETERS** – Austin & Agnes Bush

**USHERS** – Glenn Sacks; chairperson,  
 Ronnie Bruce, Mark Dillon

**March 6 Meals on Wheels Angels**

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

**March 10 Wednesday Office Angels**

Barney & Lossie Beers

**March 10 FLOW Kitchen Angels**

Kevan & Gina King, Larry & Debbie Riley, Barney & Lossie Beers, Charles & Betty Thompson, Youth will be clean up crew.

**March United Neighbors needed items:**

Toilet paper; peanut butter

**Honorariums and**

**Memorials February 28, 2010**

**In Honor of Fred & Audrey Sistler**

Imogene Sub-group S.P.M.C.

**In Memory of Juanita Gunter**

Lydia Subgroup Communion  
 Harold & Suzanne Russell MOW  
 Nicky & Diane Stafford Mission

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**In Memory of Betty Simmons**

Eddie & Pam Freeman C & Y

**In Memory of Lola Sistler**

Harold & Suzanne Russell MOW  
 Mike Laughrey & Jill Holland MOW  
 Eddie & Pam Freeman MOW

**In Memory of Betsy Barcroft**

Eddie & Pam Freeman MOW

**In Memory of Finis Murray**

Eddie & Pam Freeman MOW

**In Memory of Sarah McDonald**

Eddie & Pam Freeman C & Y

**In Memory of Ann Hood**

Eddie & Pam Freeman C & Y

**In Memory of Ann Sexton**

Eddie & Pam Freeman C & Y

**In Memory of Rebecca Riley**

Eddie & Pam Freeman C & Y

**Worship Committee Members** - There will be a Worship Committee meeting on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m.4

If you are not criticized,  
 you may not be doing much.

~Donald H. Rumsfeld~

**Thanks Corner**

Thank you for all of the prayers, food, cards and other expressions of care and love you have shown our family in the death of my mother. Audrey and I are profoundly grateful to be a part of McKenzie FUMC.

Fred Sistler

We would like to thank all of the first United Methodist Church members for their thoughts & prayers, visits, and flowers. A special thank you for the food that was provided, also to Rev. Larry Riley for his inspiring service. Juanita truly loved her church and would have been so proud.

The Family of Juanita Gunter

**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*