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The Good Connection

February, 2013

Tallahassee Heights United
at the Crossroads of Faith



Let's get Mikie to try it.....

As many of you are fully aware, the Season of Lent is fast approaching. It begins on Ash Wednesday, February 13, 2013. (Remember the dates are determined by the lunar calendar, or moon, not by Hallmark.) As a pastor, I often hear the question, "Do Methodists celebrate Lent?" Yes we may, although it is certainly not a requirement of our church's membership vows. Simply stated, we are invited to observe the season of Lent as a time of spiritual discipline. Modern practices often suggest that we sacrifice something, but Lent often includes indulgences, less than healthy foods, or bad habits. Lent becomes a training period for the development of a healthier lifestyle. Not many people observe such actions. From earlier tradition and practices we discover Lenten observance is a period of spiritual introspection in efforts to become more focused and devoted. For believers and seekers today I believe the point is that we attempt to begin a new habit, test and see cereal commercial coaxing brother Mikie to try that mysterious cereal. Do not eat anything. Allow me to invite you for the first time or with new expectations to create increased discipline and focus in your daily walk with God. Here are a few simple suggestions for purpose and size during the Season of Lent.

1. Take 5 minutes each day to listen for God's leading in your life. Spend this time in a quiet and intentional way, (finding a quiet place seems to help center your thoughts.)
2. Make a decision to encourage 1 person daily.
3. Read a chapter each day of one of the Gospels. (Mark is a great place to start.)
4. Commit to complain only when you have a constructive suggestion or prayer request.
5. Communicate (phone call, card, or e-mail) with a friend you have uninvited. Make realistic plans to keep in contact.
6. Do SOMETHING that includes "Dear Lord, allow me the simple privilege of doing what I have planned today."
7. Additionally, consider the suggestion offered by the finance committee.

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Youth Director: Ted Grueser; Children's Ministry Dir: Merideth Middle
Music Director: Lisa Leaman; Associate Music Dir.: Scott Leaman
Treasurer: Carol Dehner; Administrative Assistant:**

Information occurs for any who will attempt a time of reflection, redi-
 questions about Lent, other Seasons of the Christian year, or about
 lines In our faith journeys, please know I am available and eager to lis-
 ce.



Plenty Past Twenty
 Senior Adult Ministry

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 Monday, 11:30

Tuesdays, February 12-March 19, 2013
12 noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lenten Luncheon Speakers:

Feb. 12, 2013 - Rev. Mike Shockley, (U.S. Navy Chaplain-Ret.)
 Crawfordville United Methodist Church

Feb. 19, 2013 - Rev. Nathan Adams, Associate Pastor
 St. Paul's U.M.C., Tallahassee Florida

Feb. 26, 2013 - Rev. Elaine Barrow (Local Pastor-Ret.)
 Alabama-West Florida Conf. U.M.C.

March 5, 2013 - Rev. Dr. Bob Gibbs
 District Superintendent, North West District, Fl. Conf. U.M.C.

March 12, 2013 - Rev. Barbara Awoniyi,
 New Life U.M.C., Tallahassee, Florida

March 19, 2013 - Rev. Sandra "Susie" Horner
 Wakulla U.M.C., Crawfordville, Florida

Luncheon Schedule

11:50 – 12:00	Meet and Greet
12:00- 12:05	Welcome, Opening Prayer
12:05- 12:10	Devotional and Blessing of Meal
12:10-12:30	Fellowship Meal
12:30- 12:45	Guest Speaker
12:45-12:50	Collection of Prayer Requests and Benediction

Kindly RSVP to 877-6276 or thumc@comcast.net

Fellowship Hall Renovation Update!

An ad hoc committee has been established and met with the archi-
 and make minor revisions to the plans. Once these plan revisions are
 for permitting. During this time period the committee will request
 timeline to review the bids will be mid-February. We have tenta-
 phase to begin April 1, 2013, with a completion date of June 30, 2013.
 are best estimates.

To date we have raised \$107,606 of the estimated \$125,000 needed
 an exemplary accomplishment for our Church this year (2012) consi-
 sion contributions of over \$500,000. As I said earlier, we would star-
 had \$100,000 in the bank. *WE HAVE STARTED*, now to the finish.

In the spirit of the upcoming lent season (February 13, through Mar-
 to help us raise the remaining funds. If during the period of lent (40
 we would use to eat out as our sacrifice, we should be able to raise
 help our money counters identify these funds, we ask that you place
 envelope (on the back of the pews) each Sunday and label it "Renov-

Thank you for your continuing efforts and prayers toward this endeavor.

Yours In Christ,
 Chuck Janes, Finance Chair



LIFE GOD IS OFFERING TO YOU:

...lim to forgive you of your sins and be your Savior. This simple prayers, of-
 journey of life in Christ:
*and need your forgiveness. I now turn away from my sins. I invite you to
 to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior.*

on Poverty

Methodist Women will have a mission study on "Poverty" on Saturdays that faithful and effective ministry with the poor engages both Scripture and our United Methodist heritage call for come the root causes of poverty and promising ways to alleviate poverty will be held at McCall's Chapel UMC. This small church is located in Tallahassee. Attendees who wish to car-pool should meet at our church on March 2. For more information please contact Vicki Sims at 671-

Education Committee Newsletter

February Newsletter

We have been busy planning upcoming events for the children. The first event is on **Saturday March 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.** Children will be invited to participate in as well as the traditional Easter egg hunt. We would like to see if any leftover curriculum materials from the adult classes be returned to catalogue materials and DVD's that have been used by the church. We are aware that they are available. If you know of the whereabouts of any materials, please let us know. We would appreciate it if you would help them find their way to the office.

What would you like to see offered on Wednesday nights. We currently have "Running the Race", a Bible study being taught by Patricia Tuong/ Judith Kall, and Sewing by Bobby Prine. We will be open to suggestions and would like to know what you are interested in. You can contact us by email or call Judith Kall at (850) 668-0188.




Are you interested in working on crafts for the shoeboxes? This can be done on Wednesday nights (subject to group preference). Debbie Pottorff is full of ideas and would be happy to help. Please do not come too early to work on shoebox items.

Easter Egg-Stravaganza is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We are inviting all your kid's to bring an age appropriate egg and the Easter story will all be there with your kids.

For more information for July 22 - 26, 2013. We are currently in the "hanger" of information and would like to hear from you at 345-6816 if you can pack the bags on door



February 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3  12 p.m.-Mission Trip Fundraiser	4 9 a.m. -Sweet Hour of Prayer 7 p.m.-Men's Bible Study "The Life of Christ"	5 6:30 p.m.-Connectional Ministries Meeting 6:30 p.m.-Trustees	6 5:45 p.m.-Supper 6:30 p.m.-Children's Activities, Adult Classes, Prayer group 7 p.m.-Youth Small Groups 7:30 p.m.-Choir Rehearsal	7 7 a.m.-Men's Prayer 6:30-8:30 p.m.—Disciple 1	8 11:20 a.m.-Lincoln Lunches 2:30 p.m.-Ladies Bible Study	9 Lay Servant Training John Wesley UMC
10 	11 9 a.m. -Sweet Hour of Prayer 6:45 p.m.-Education Comm	12 12 noon—Lenten Luncheon 40 Days of Prayer kickoff 2:30 pm-Vida Cooper 7 p.m.-Susanna Wesley	13 Ash Wednesday Begin 40 days of Prayer No supper 6:30 p.m.-Service of the Ashes No Children/Youth/Adult Classes 7:30 p.m.-Choir Rehearsal	14 7 a.m.-Men's Prayer Homeless Meals 6:30 p.m.-Disciple 1	15 11:20 a.m.-Lincoln Lunches 2:30 p.m.-Ladies Bible Study	16 8 a.m.-Men's Breakfast 5-7 p.m.-Fish Fry 
Guatemala Mission Trip 2/9-2/16						

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 ...or again making the Sharing Tree a success. Once again all the orna-
 ...ne tree by the generous people of the church. Many people had a
 ...our generosity. (See the thank you note below)

...let your know how much we appreciate your generous offering of
 ...you have made a big difference in my family. Our love and apprecia-
 ...ll forever live in our hearts. I hope one day I can help a family the way
 ...ly. We are forever grateful. May God bless you each and every one.
 ...ieri Family.

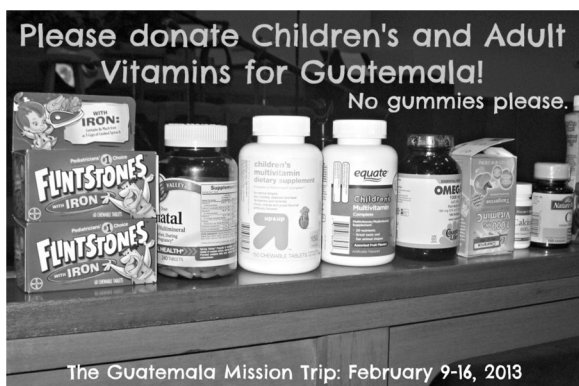


Our shoe boxes are making a difference around the world. Enjoy this Christmas card that was sent to you, the church, from the children of the Village of Hope Children's Village in Accra, Ghana. You are being the hands and feet of Christ around the world. The Florida and Puerto Rico region shipped 399,981 shoe boxes in 2012. THUMC shipped 360 of those boxes. Thank you again for giving from loving, caring, compassionate hearts.



Needed! Plastic screw top lids (such as the ones found on 2-liter soda drink bottles) The Missions committee plans on making jump ropes to be put in the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes this year. Each jump rope uses 4 lids. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ostrus, 942-0609.

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Celebrations

- 2/1—Thaddeus Grimes
- 2/3/07—Khanh & Anita Tuong
- 2/3—Sybil James, Beth Whitesell
Reuben Sprayberry
- 2/4—Dakota Hough, Carson Hough
- 2/5/77—Rudy & Johanna Watson
- 2/6—Merideth Middleton, Donald Andrews
- 2/11—Frank Siemon
- 2/13/82—Vic & Sheila Neal
- 2/14/87—Curtis & Kelly Warren
- 2/16—Trevor Cherry
- 2/17—Violet Arthmann, Elizabeth Gould
- 2/18—Rebecca Redding
- 2/20—Johanna Watson
- 2/22/86—Ken & Lynn Hamilton
- 2/22—Evelyn Clark
- 2/23—Rick Sirmons, Will Ballew
- 2/25—Jean Signs
- 2/26—Melissa Arrowood, Connor Lynn
Ray Rowan
- 2/27—Jenny Lamb, Debra Summers
Erin Pottorff
- 2/28—Maeline Leaman

March 10—BBQ
 Chicken Dinner Fund-
 raiser for Madison
 Children's Ranch

Save the Date



April 1—June 30: Fellowship Hall Renovations, no activities in Fellowship Hall; No Wednesday Suppers; No 3rd Sunday Dinners

June 2-8—Jamica Youth Mission Trip

July 22-23—Vacation Bible Study

Anyone interested in being a part of two developing ministries is asked to contact the church office for dates and times of informational meetings. One ministry involves the audio taping of our worship services. The second ministry will be the development and maintenance of a community garden located behind the scout house. Thanks in advance for your ideas, interest and support.

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Super Bowl Chili is Sunday, February 3

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- Drew Bass
- Dave Bernath
- Carolyn Casey
- Dr. Charles Cooper
- Patty Core
- Kelly Craft
- Martha Hagadone
- Jerald Holloway
- Annie Herndon
- Kelly Hibbert
- Gail Jones
- Shirley Joyce

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