

St. Luke United Methodist Church

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# The Messenger

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February 6th  
at 7:00 p.m.



## Third Annual Mardis Gras Celebration February 5, beginning at 7:00

- The Mason Dixieland Line of Sweet Georgia Sound
  - The Bill Hackler Trio
  - No Big Deal
- A raffle for two gift certificates to Blue Orleans
  - King cake and Barq's root beer
- Costuming and masking is encouraged

*More details on page 5*

## 40 DAYS OF FOCUS



St. Luke would like to make the 2008 Lenten season a time for focusing on God. To that end *40 Days of Focus*, a booklet designed and composed by the people of St. Luke, is available to all church members and visitors. Each day features a simple - but often challenging - way to center your thoughts or activities around God.

What will be the result of such a season of focus? Hopefully we'll all find out when the 40 days are up.

The booklets will be available at the Ash Wednesday service on February 6th and again on Sunday, February 10th.



“Is *connectional* even a word?”

That was my first thought when I was introduced to the concept at seminary, for connectional is how the United Methodist church was described in class. It means, of course, that United Methodists and United Methodist churches are all connected. This seems to be a year when I am finding out just how connected we are.

The first week of the year I ran into an old friend while at the Congress on Evangelism. We had both been youth volunteers when we met. Now she is an elder and in the middle of a building drive at her church—a United Methodist church she started from scratch seven years ago.

My oldest friend in the world is also an elder and on the last Sunday of January, he held the first service for a United Methodist church he is starting in Texas. Both of those starts would have been impossible without the support of the larger church.

And the larger church is what I will see later this month as I head to Brazil with a team of pastors from the Holston Conference. February 17th - March 1st we will be trained along with the Brazilian pastors and see what the church is doing in both rural and metropolitan settings.

Finally, since August, I have been meeting monthly with the probationary elders in the Chattanooga district, helping to prepare them for full ordination and membership in the United Methodist church. One of those probationers will be preaching in my absence on February 24th. Her name is Rhonda Hobbs and she has been the associate pastor at Burks UMC for the past four years. I have been impressed with her, as I have been with all the upcoming elders in this district.

United Methodists are connectional, and that is worth celebrating.



Jeannine Alday; Bill Allen; Sadie Mae Brewster; Donna & Hugh Cunningham; Steven Duncan; Kitty Edens; Pat

Evans; Danette Godbold; Mary Jo Hackler; Bill Hall; Ruby Hamill; Dorothy Hassler; Joy Jackson; Seth Jackson; Chris Jonakin, Rafael Lancaster; Roz Lance; Elizabeth Lyon; George Newman; Harper Sasser; Judy & George Sivils; Slayden Smith; Jean Wilkinson; Petey Wilkerson.



*Please use the following scripture references as you prepare for worship each week.*

**February 3 Epiphany**

9 a.m. - Matthew 17: 1-9

Wow! Now What?

11 a.m. – Matthew 17: 1-9

Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes

**February 6 - Ash Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. - Psalm 51

The Sinner’s Psalm

**February 10 - 1st Sunday in Lent**

9 & 11 a.m. - Matthew 4: 1-11

40 Days of Focus

**February 17 - 2nd Sunday in Lent**

9 a.m. – Genesis 12: 1-4

85 Moves Ahead

11 a.m. – John 3: 1-7

A Change of Parents

**February 24**

9 & 11 a.m. – Rev. Rhonda Hobbs of Burks

UMC will be our guest preacher



The pastor will be in Brazil on a mission trip February 18 - 29. If there is a pastoral emergency, you may contact Denise Gates at 838-1581.



# Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday,  
February 3  
12:30 p.m.



While February 14 stirs up thoughts of Valentine hearts and flowers, it is also a day set aside for another special type of giving. It is also designated as National Donor Day

by the US Department of Health and Human Services. Donation of organs can be made from live donors as well as at the time of death. Here are a few facts that relate to organ donation that may help you if you are contemplating making a choice regarding donation.

1. Adult conditions such as cardiomyopathy (an abnormality of the heart muscle) and congestive heart failure may require transplantation if medical therapy is ineffective. In children, congenital heart disease is the most common reason for a transplant.
2. Each year about 4000 people are waiting for a lung transplant. A single lung can save a life.
3. The majority of intestinal transplants are performed on infants and children.
4. When a liver is donated, two recipients can be helped to recover from their disease process.
5. One third of transplanted kidneys are from live donors. At any one point, 55,000 people are on a waiting list for a kidney donation.
6. One year post pancreas transplant, 95% are still living.

If you would like more information about the specifics of organ donation in the state of TN, it can be found at [www.donatelifetn.org](http://www.donatelifetn.org). Remember to discuss your intentions with family members if you have made the choice to become an organ donor.

*Denise Gates*



- 5:30 - Dinner
- 6:15 - Program

## RESERVATIONS FOR EACH WEDNESDAY DINNER ARE NEEDED BY MONDAY

**February 6 ASH WEDNESDAY NO DINNER**  
Service at 7:00

### **February 13 -**

Regular: Baked Chicken & Rice, Green Beans, Salad

Veggie: Veggie Nuggets & Fries

Children's: Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Program: Short Term Missions - Rev. Greg Smart

### **February 20 -**

Regular: Lasagna & Salad

Veggie & Children's: Cheese Pizza & Salad

Program: Long Term Missions; The Peace Corps  
- Steve and Barb Derthick

### **February 27 -**

Regular: Pancake Supper

Program: Long Term Missions; The U.S. 2  
Program - Rev. Natalie Smart

Adults: \$4  
Children under 3: Free

Children under 12: \$2  
Family Maximum: \$10



*Sheet Music*

Music from former member, Earl Miller's library has been donated to the church. If you might have any use for some of these pieces, please contact Joyce to look at what is available.

# PRIMETIME NEWS

## PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

Join us on February 21st at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and our program.

**Please be sure and make reservations so we know how many to prepare for.**

## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

February 3 and 17

Before and after 11:00 service



**Join the Choir**

The choir and hand bell ringers are preparing special music for Lent, Holy Week and Easter services.

All are welcome to join us as we celebrate our faith with good music and to share the wonderful companionship in our music groups.



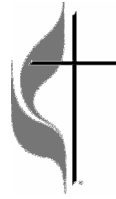
## YOUTH NEWS

We had a great time at Resurrection 2008 last weekend! The speaker was GREAT and the band, Starfield, was AMAZING! Thank you to all the chaperones who went along.

Mark your calendars for the following activities:

- February 3 - 4:30 Mardi Gras rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- February 3 - 5:30 Super Bowl Party @ Chalet
- February 5 - 7:00 p.m. - Mardi Gras Celebration (money raised will go towards summer mission trip)
- February 12 - Dinner and program with Steve Derthick
- February 17 - Dinner and program with Kitty Reel and Denise Gates
- February 24 - Dinner and game night with Jennifer Fry

**Come and bring a friend!!**



## UMW News

- Magnolia Circle - Saturday, February 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chalet. We invite anyone who would like to share some fellowship to join us for our February meeting. A light lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Denise Gates at 876-9515 if you plan to attend.
- Dorcas Circle - Wednesday, February 20 at 10:30 in the Fellowship classroom. Please bring a sandwich and join us for our guest speaker, Denise Gates.

We want to invite all our ladies to become a member of the UMW and to participate in one of our circles.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TO YOU

1 - M.K. Bowen

Davis Fry

2 - Anna Derthick

4 - Barry Wilde

5 - Elizabeth Lyon

7 - Avery Santin

9 - Cindy Beale

10 - Bob Beale

11 - Mary Schenck

Nathaniel Smart

Josh Bennett

15 - Adam Caldwell

16 - Amanda Rogers

18 - Bobby Bennett

Roz Lance

Jennifer Fry

19 - Pat Wilson

20 - Luther Carpenter

22 - Mary Belle Clift

Rebecca Clark

23 - Millie Newman

Jane Yelliot

- **Praise Team** -

S a t u r d a y ,

February 2nd at

9:00 a.m. and

S u n d a y s ,

February 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th at 8:15 a.m.

- **K thru 2nd grade** - Wednesdays, February

13th, 20th, and 27th at 6:15 p.m.

- **3rd thru 5th grade** - Wednesdays,

February 13th, 20th, and 27th at 6:45 p.m.

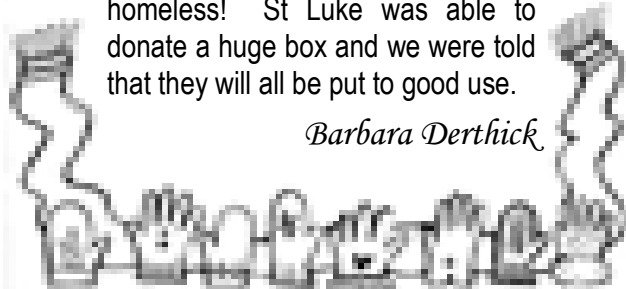
*Choir Rehearsals*



Do you realize, it's been almost 18 months since the opening of the newly renovated Marshall Hall? In order to celebrate, the Christ Café Sunday school class is planning a spring cleaning effort to keep it looking as good as the day it was opened. Come join us on February 9th from 9:00 a.m. to noon for this event. We will be trying to get the floor cleaned and waxed as well as some touch-up painting and general clean-up done. Breakfast will be provided and you can contact Betty Holland (870-5980) for more information.

A big thanks to all of you who contributed socks and gloves for the homeless! St Luke was able to donate a huge box and we were told that they will all be put to good use.

*Barbara Derthick*



*In Memory of Mike Alday*

*Given By:*

Memorial Health Care System  
Olan and Norma Mills

*In Memory of Bill and Vi Sanders*

*Given By:*

Margery Sanders

*In Memory of Katie Studer*

*Given By:*

Dale Studer

All memorial and honorary gifts are placed in a restricted account to be used as designated by the families.



## Mardis Gras

**3rd Annual  
Celebration  
February 5 at 7:00**

Come 2<sup>nd</sup> line dance with decorated umbrellas, catch beads and moon pies; swing to the music of The Mason Dixieland Line of Sweet Georgia Sound, The Bill Hackler Trio, and No Big Deal plus a raffle for two gift certificates to Blue Orleans and a variety of other entertainers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Mardi Gras celebration. This Hurricane Relief fund-raiser on "Fat Tuesday," February 5, begins at 7:00 pm. There is no admission charge but a free will offering will be taken. Donations will go to help the United Methodist Committee on Relief continue their efforts to rebuild the Gulf Coast and the New Orleans areas devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. A church-wide mission trip will be taken to New Orleans this summer where the youth will continue the work they have done the last two summers restoring a church and parsonage flooded by the 17<sup>th</sup> Street canal. There is still much work to be done! Join us after the festivities for king cake and Barq's root beer, sponsored by the Open Arms, Hearts and Minds Youth Group. Costuming and masking is encouraged! For more information or directions call 877-6447.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**UTC Wesley Center  
Pancake Breakfast  
Fundraiser**

February 9th  
7:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Applebee's in Hixson  
(4900 Hixson Pike)

**All you can eat for only \$5!!**

Great fellowship opportunity for Sunday school classes, Youth Groups, UMW Circles or just a group of friends.

All proceeds will go toward UTC student mission trips.

Additional donations can be made to:

UTC Wesley Center  
607 Douglas Street  
Chattanooga, 37403

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*At St. Luke:*

***OUR VISION:** To be the hands, feet, heart, and voice of Jesus Christ to Stuart Heights, Chattanooga, and the world.*

***OUR MISSION:** To worship God, witness to each other and our community, and strive toward spiritual wholeness.*

***OUR VALUE:** Love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our mind, all our soul, and all our strength and love our neighbor as ourselves.*

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

Thursday, February 21

**OUR STAFF**

<b>MINISTERS</b>	all members of the body of Christ
<b>PASTOR</b>	Greg Smart
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	Joyce Franich
<b>CHILDREN'S MUSIC COORDINATOR</b>	Rebecca Clark
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT</b>	Pat Howard
<b>PROGRAM/FINANCIAL SECRETARY</b>	Jennifer Gunner
<b>PARENTS' DAY OUT DIRECTOR</b>	Sharon Boring
<b>AFTER SCHOOL COORDINATOR</b>	Stephanie Ashley
<b>HEALTH MINISTRIES NURSE</b>	Denise Gates
<b>MAINTENANCE</b>	Eddie Reel
<b>NURSERY WORKER</b>	Lucille Greevor