

St. Luke United Methodist Church

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# The Messenger

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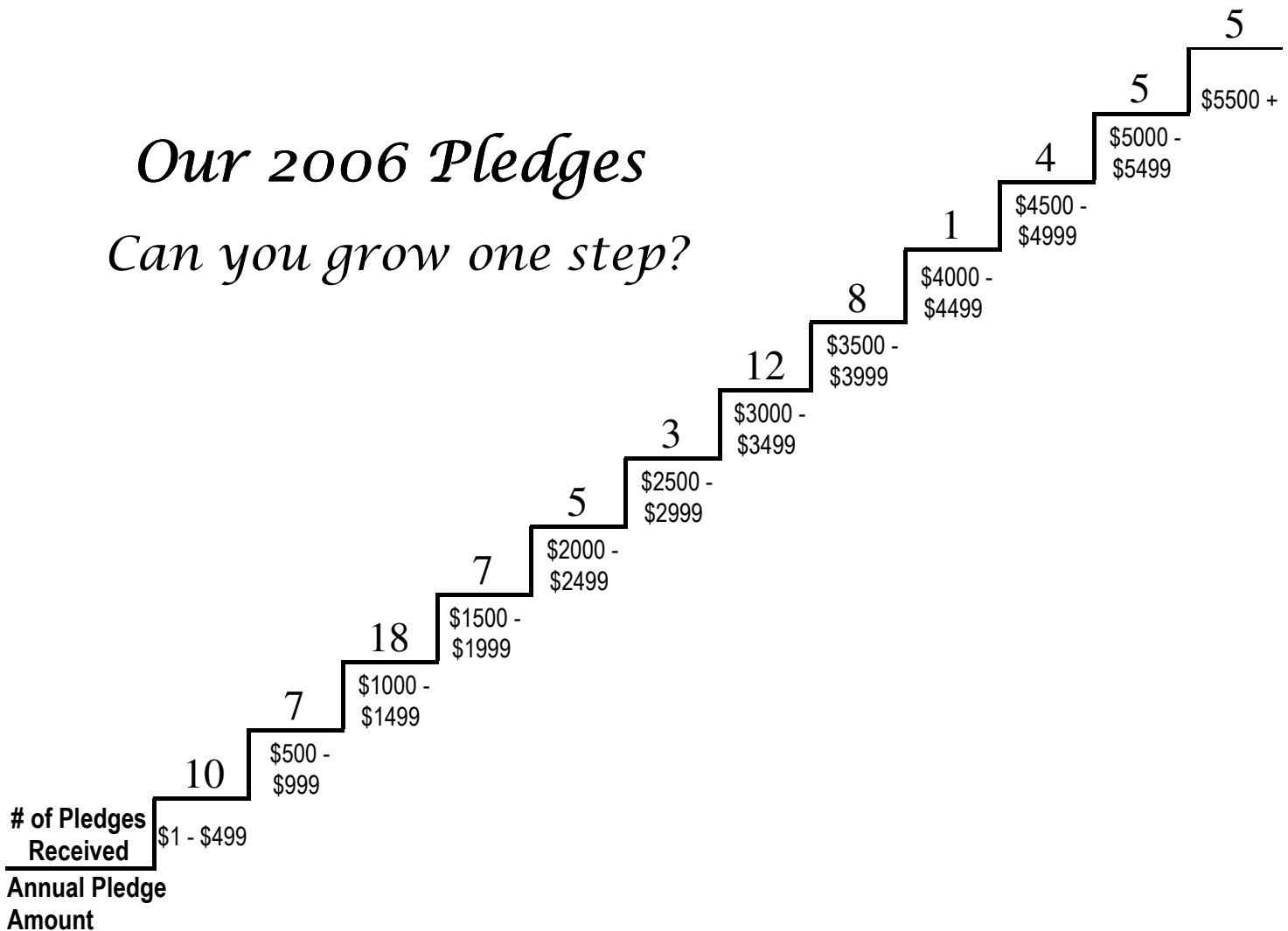
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## COMMITMENT MONTH FOR 2007

### Our 2006 Pledges

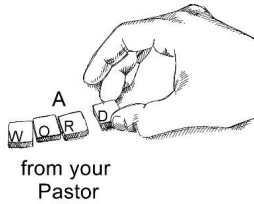
Can you grow one step?



*Will you be loyal to The United Methodist Church,  
and uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your  
gifts, and your service?*

*Make your 2007 commitment on November 19th.*

. . . . *your gifts* . . .



*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates*

*of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. Malachi 3:10-11*

On November 19, you will be given the opportunity and the privilege of making a monetary pledge to St. Luke. I call it an opportunity because it is your chance to fund the ministries or our church. I call it a privilege because we can return to God a portion of God's blessings on us.

Some people question how much they should give. I am convinced most of us want to do our fair share in supporting the church's program. We do not like to think that somebody else is carrying part of our share of the load. But what is a fair share?

Let me suggest some guidelines that might be helpful.

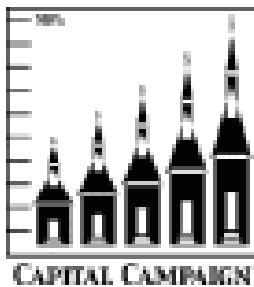
1. Look searchingly at what you are giving now. How does what you are giving to the ministry of the church compare to what you spend on yourself? God has asked us to give 10% and allows us to keep 90%.
2. Divide your income into your pledge and look at the percentage. This is difficult for some people, not because they can't figure percentages, but because they do not like to look at the result. Did you every hear anyone say, "I give 2% of my income to the church." Yet that is the average figure that most United Methodists give to their church.
3. Set tithing as your goal. If are not currently tithing, which means giving 10% of your income, resolve to take a step toward tithing. If you are giving 2%, try to step up to 3%?
4. Compare your growth in income to your growth in pledging. There are two ways we should grow in stewardship when our incomes grow. We should grow dollar-wise and percentage wise. As our incomes grow to where we can afford more of the luxuries of life, we should also consider growing the percentage we give to the church.
5. Remember that many of our members are giving

sacrificially. This last guideline has been more helpful to me than any other. Some of our members on very limited incomes give more than members with comfortable incomes. Is your pledge a sacrifice?

As your pastor, I never look at the individual pledges. I believe your pledge is between you and God. Because it is a spiritual issue, I hope you will be in prayer and follow God's leading as you take the opportunity and privilege to make your pledge for 2007 on November 19.

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

... .*your gifts* ...



We have received 55 pledges and gifts totaling \$50,135 for the Marshall Hall renovation project. If you have not made your gift or pledge and would like to please pick up a yellow Pledge Card at the information center.

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### CLEAN OUT YOUR LIBRARY

The book sale originally scheduled for November 4, 2006 at the Stover's in North Chattanooga, has been cancelled.



Please watch for the order form in your bulletin. The cost this year will be \$8.50 and the deadline for ordering will be December 14th.

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| Canned tuna & salmon | Juice           |
| Canned greens        | Canned tomatoes |
| Grits                | Flour           |
| Cornmeal             | Dry beans       |

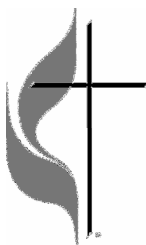
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On Sunday, November 19, there will be a Youth Fundraiser Luncheon after

worship. Donations will be accepted for *Godspell* and Resurrection expenses.

### UMW News



- Magnolia Circle - Saturday, November 4, at 1:30 at the Chalet. Chapters 7 and 9 of the book review. Light refreshments.
- Dorcas Circle - 10:30 Wednesday, November 21, at the church
- Kitty Price Circle - 11:00 Tuesday, November 29, at the church

Our own Stephanie Ashley, *After Cool Director*, will have a face-painting booth at the Rivermont Elementary School Fall Carnival. It is on November 4 from 10 - 12.

## PRIMETIME NEWS

### PRIME TIME LUNCHEON

There will be no Primetime activity in November, however, remember to make your **reservations for *It's A Wonderful Life* by November 8th.**

### BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

November 5 & 19

### AEROBICS

Low-impact aerobics classes with Liz Henderson meet on Mondays @ 11 am in the **Chalet** and are \$2 per session.

### RIVERMONT MENTORS

If you would like to volunteer to help mentor a young person at Rivermont Elementary school, please contact Betty Duncan or Linda Sullivan.

### "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

Reserve Sunday, December 3rd on your calendars now. We will be going as a group to the Chattanooga Theatre Center's afternoon performance of "It's A Wonderful Life". Tickets are \$16.50. Please call the office to make your reservation as soon as possible.

. . . . *your presence* . . .



Rev. Sherry Boles will preach at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise stated.

- November 5** - She Ain't Heavy, She's My Sister
- November 12** - A Recipe for Changing From Bitter to Sweet
- November 19** - Guest Speaker - Rev. John Ripley
- November 26** - Crowns and Crosses



In the last rotation at Bible Adventures, we learned all about Esther. Our favorite thing was making special Jewish cookies. They were delicious. November 12 - December 3 our lesson will be "A Walk on Water." We will explore how focusing on Jesus can help your life. We will also discover how it might have felt when Peter walked across water. Can Baked Ice Cream teach you about God's power? We'll find out. Our Bible Verse is "Christ gives me the strength to face anything." Come join us in our adventures!

If you would ever like to teach or be a helper in Bible Adventures, please see Jennifer Gunner or Laura Walden.



Do you have a hard time getting out the door on Sunday mornings? Now, there's no need to worry about eating. Breakfast and good coffee is available at the Contemporary Service in Marshall Hall. Come join us at 9:00 a.m. for great food, fellowship, and

worship then stay for Christ Café at 9:45. We have just begun a study entitled *The Five Languages of Love*.

## Wonderful Wednesdays

### • 5:30 - Dinner

#### **November 1:**

Regular: Ham, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce & Bread  
Veggie: Mac & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce & Bread



#### **November 8:**

Regular: Spaghetti Casserole & Salad  
Veggie: Meatless Spaghetti Casserole & Salad

#### **November 15:**

Regular: Turkey & Dressing, Broccoli Casserole, & Green Beans  
Veggie: Broccoli & Rice Casserole, & Green Beans

**November 22:** No Wonderful Wednesday Activities

#### **November 29:**

Regular: Ham, Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce & Bread  
Veggie: Mac & Cheese, Corn, Applesauce & Bread

Adults: \$4  
Children under 12: \$2  
Children under 3: Free  
Family Maximum: \$10

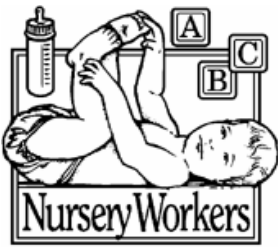
### RESERVATIONS FOR EACH WEDNESDAY DINNER ARE NEEDED BY MONDAY

- 6:15 p.m. Children's Choir rehearsals in the Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell rehearsals in the balcony
- 6:30 p.m. *History of Christianity* Study
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsals in the Sanctuary



.....*your service*.....

### November



5 - Betty Holland  
12 - Melanie Fagan  
19 - Rosy Bennett  
26 - Colleen Price  
If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please trade days with someone else.

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5 - John Bridger  
12 - Wendy Stott  
19 - Ted Bennett  
26 - Melissa Whitaker  
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### **SHEPHERDING GROUP NEEDS YOUR CARDS/ NOTES**

The Shepherding Group needs any cards suitable for recycling as well as any blank note cards that you don't need. These will be used for various Shepherding projects. **Please place them in the container marked SHEPHERDING CARDS in the Narthex.**



### **ENJOYING A HEALTHIER THANKSGIVING**

While most of us look forward to the smells and tastes of a delicious Thanksgiving meal, we must face a cold hard fact.....it is a calorie filled feast!!!

Here a just a few suggestions to reduce the calories and fat content for your Thanksgiving meal:

1. Beware of self basting turkeys as they are injected with extra fats to keep the meat juicy.
2. Remove the skin from turkey to lessen the fat content.
3. Try substituting low-carb items for stuffing such as: whole wheat or reduced carbohydrate breads, replace or add other bulk items such as chopped celery and onion, nuts (pecans, walnuts, or almonds), fruits (apples, cranberries, apricots, or pears) or wild rice.
4. If you don't want to skip dessert, choose pumpkin pie over pecan pie as it has less calories. Use nonfat or low fat whipped topping.
5. At the end of the meal, clear the table to prevent nibbling and drink a full glass of water. Go for a long leisurely walk if possible.
6. Substitute sugar free jello in cranberry molds.
7. Freeze leftovers. Share your meal or leftovers with friends or those who are unable to cook for themselves.

As we remember the traditions of Thanksgiving, let's reflect on the Pilgrims and their simple faith. This faith inspired them to give thanks despite the widespread illness that claimed the lives of nearly half of their brothers and sisters. What a wonderful inspiration for all of us who are blessed in so many ways!!

*Denise Gates*

... .*your service* ...

**Flu Shots**  
**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**  
10 am to 1 pm  
Hixson UMC Fellowship Hall  
\$25 per shot  
no cost for Medicare patients  
but be sure to bring your  
Medicare card



Thank you to all those who helped with the Information Center and updates to the Office Hallway:

Bill Boring      Irby Hartley  
Denise Gates    Paul Sanderford

### CAN YOU HELP?

Athens Paper, where we purchase all our copier paper, has changed their ordering policy to require a minimum order totaling \$250. We do not have the space to store that much paper. I have talked to them and they have agreed to process our smaller orders with the understanding that we will pick them up. Our orders are usually no more than 3 or 4 boxes at a time and we usually do not order more than once a month. If you could possibly pick up our orders at their Amnicola Highway location for us, please contact Pat in the Church Office. *Thank you*

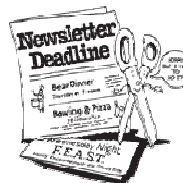
Would you like to sing with the choir for the Christmas Cantata on December 10th at our 11:00 service? Rehearsals are beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Cantata music is covered first so anyone needing to leave early can. We'd love to have you join us.



## Christmas Parties

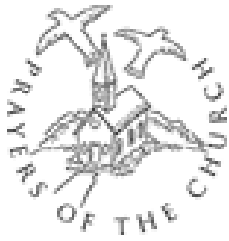
It will be here before you know it and the dates fill up fast. Please notify the church office as soon as a date is decided, especially if you are planning to use Church facilities.

*Thank you*



**Wednesday,  
November 22**

. . . . *your prayers* . . . .



Mike Alday; Billy Allen; Philip Boring; Avis Browning; Betsy Donahue; Kitty Edens; Danette Godbold; Mary Jo Hackler; Bill Hall; Ruby Hamill; Dorothy Hassler; Roz Lance; Elizabeth Lyon; George Newman; Janey Eidson-Rice; Judy & George Sivils; Betty Wilde.

Linda and I would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, food and the prayers offered in our behalf during my recent surgery. We could certainly feel the prayers, which have been answered. I continue to improve each day, and hopefully will be able to return to church soon.



*Gene Sullivan*



*Rick Rogers  
and  
Amanda Branam  
October 7  
Darien Brevard  
and  
Jena Miller  
September 30*



- the family of Boyce Dillard
- the family of John Wilson
- Mack and Sharon O'Rear in the death of their daughter, Lauren



THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAY

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| 1 - Joan Bowers      | 16 - Gina Hunter     |
| 2 - Carolina Reel    | Leica Wilde          |
| 5 - Beth Hansard     | 18 - Christy Charman |
| 6 - Jim Stover       | 19 - Virginia Morgan |
| Elsa Stott           | 20 - Jan Cuzzort     |
| 8 - Allie Bridger    | 22 - Jean Wilkinson  |
| 9 - Becki Bradford   | Trevor Paschal       |
| 10 - Kelly Tornow    | 24 - Bill McNabb     |
| 11 - Sarah Bolton    | 25 - Danny Gork      |
| Jane Graham          | 28 - Chip Evans      |
| 15 - Dorothy Hassler |                      |
| Larry Duncan         |                      |

*You are cordially invited to  
A service of  
Thanksgiving and Home Blessing  
Sunday, November 12, 2006  
Open House 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
House Blessing at 3:00 pm  
Weber Cottage  
Home of Cindy Beale  
2912 Ozark Road  
Chattanooga, TN 37415  
In lieu of cards or gifts, please  
bring a canned food item for the  
Community Kitchen  
(In the event of rain,  
bring an umbrella)*

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*I will*