



The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF CARROLLTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



‘What Does it Mean to be United Methodist?’ class begins soon

Pastor Karla will offer a five-week Sunday School class for visitors who want to learn more about the United Methodist church (**long-time members who can't remember why they're United Methodist are welcome, too!**) We'll look at the history and theology of the United Methodist Church as well as how we understand the sacraments of baptism and communion and how we "do" church.

We will meet Sunday mornings at 10:00 in the Gathering Room (2nd floor, by the front doors of the sanctuary). The class will begin September 14 and continue until Membership Sunday on October 12. Those interested in becoming members of Carrollton First United Methodist Church will be invited to join the church at all three services.

Please call the church office at (770) 832-7069 or email Karla at karla@cfumc.com to let us know if you are interested!

Discipleship Classes being offered

It's time to sign up for Disciple Bible Study! Disciple is a 32-week program of intensive Bible study aimed at developing strong Christian servant-leaders through a supportive small group focused on study, prayer, fellowship, and preparation for servanthood.

There will be two Disciple Bible Study

classes this year. Disciple II: "Into the Word, Into the World" (Genesis-Exodus, Luke-Acts) will meet on Wednesday mornings from 10 - noon, beginning, Aug. 27. Contact Karla Otroszko, facilitator, to sign up.

Disciple III: Remember Who You Are (The Prophets, The Letters of Paul) will meet with Dr. Jimmy Thurman. Contact the church office for more information.



discipleship class



Live like no one else so later you can LIVE like no one else!

It's that time again!! Time for Dave Ramsey's **Financial Peace** class. The program is life changing and teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You will be empowered with practical skills needed to achieve your financial goals. God has given us over 800 scriptures about money, showing us how to handle our finances His way. The Bible has a lot of interesting things to say about money, debt and personal finance.

Class meets for 13 weeks and each lesson deals with a different topic that will change the way you think about personal finance. Cost is \$100 per couple.

David Godwin will facilitate the course which meets on Mondays, beginning Sept. 15, 6 - 8 p.m. Call or email David at 770-605-4826, david.godwin@suntrust.com.

Intercessory Prayer

Frank Ledbetter • Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Nell Meadows
Barry Griffin • Judy Skinner • Vann Saunders • Jana Thurman
Bill Perry • Katie Richardson
P.T. Waldrep Family • Carolyn Mason
Linda Bonner Aitken • Doris O. Kaylor • Kitty Kaylor
E.H. Hearn • Dixie Satterfield
Mildred Lambert • Horace Carden • Audrey Albright • Matt Dixon
Margaret Pence, mother of Frank Pence
Gail Settles, friend of Melissa Smith and Sue McBrayer
Tim Cowart, brother-in-law of Beth Garrett
Quinn Evans, friend of Caroline Conerly
Sam Duffey, son of Mike Duffey
Kim Simmons, daughter of Dean and Sandra Milford
Eloise Merrell, mother of Marilyn Hubbard
Francisco Calimomo, friend of Tim Hines family • Frank Satterfield
Jordan Hembree, serving in Iraq
Belinda Johnson • Marianne Buttram, aunt of Merri Thomas
Barney Finlen, uncle of Amy Lane • Tommie Allen, aunt of Celia Ledbetter
Shirley Digsby & Allen Payton, friend and son of Eva Haynes
Tommy McGuire, uncle of Amanda Camp's friend
Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Terri & Sara Thurman • Melanie Phillips, friend of Amanda Camp
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Frances Evans in the death of her brother, George Trott, Aug. 15, in Decatur.
And to Marilyn Hubbard and family in the death of her mother, Eloise Merrell, Aug. 20, in Carrollton.

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor
Rev. Karla Otroszko, Associate Pastor
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister
Rev. John Cuenas, Hispanic Minister
Ernesine Maddox, Administrator

Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Christopher Thurman, Facilities Manager
Clara Norton, Eva Haynes Custodians
Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults

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Win Pray Give Serve Glorify Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 1, is Labor Day. Labor Day was first celebrated on Tuesday, Sept. 5, 1882 in New York City. It was a working man's holiday. Labor Day celebrates the social and economic achievements of American workers.



In 1894 Congress made the first Monday in September Labor Day, a legal holiday. Today Labor Day is a day off from work and school. It is a day of rest. Rest is good for us all. In fact it is required in order to function. Even God rested from His creating of our world. Genesis 2: 2-3 says, "By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing so on the seventh day He rested from all His work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done." My prayer for all of you on this Labor Day 2008 is that you will find enjoyment and rest in the day. May the day serve to strengthen and empower you so you can better serve God. Also may God richly bless and protect you this Labor Day. I hope you will take advantage of this Labor Day. After all, if God rested, shouldn't we?

See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, help someone in need, have a great and blessed Labor Day and week.

Eddie

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Announcements

HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be closed, Monday, Sept. 1, for Labor Day.

UMW. NEWS

The Katie Downs Fellowship will meet, Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m., with Bess Miller, 204 Shady Valley Dr. Betty Daniel and Kay Wilson will serve as co-hostesses.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thanks for all the kindnesses, food, flowers, and loving support that was showered on me and my family before, during, and after Clemmie's funeral. We were comforted by all the expressions of love for Clemmie. The Carrollton First UMC family certainly provides a wonderful ministry to comfort the grieving.

Cecil Walker

SOUP KITCHEN

Men and women meal delivery drivers for the Carroll County Soup Kitchen are desperately needed. If you can serve one weekday morning of the last full week of each month, from 9 a.m. - 1:30 pm, please contact Tom Williams, 678-591-3376, or our office, 770-832-7069, before the end of the month. Vans are furnished for you to drive and a CDL license is not required. There will be a volunteer riding with you to take the meals inside the home.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

BSA Life Scout, Quinn van Zanten, of CFUMC's Troop 138 is currently working on his Eagle Scout Project at the Whitesburg Primary Health Care Clinic, where he plans to improve the landscaping and turf area. You would like to donate plants, materials, your assistance, or make a financial contribution, please contact him by phone, 770-834-5386 or 770-715-1920, or by email at quinnvz@gmail.com.

This Sunday at CFUMC

August 31, 2008

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services
Sanctuary

Sermon: "When We are Desperate" part 3
"Our Finances are Affected"

Scripture: Genesis 41: 46-49; 42: 1-6; 45: 1-15

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship
Fellowship Hall

Sermon: "Crumbs"

Scripture: Matthew 15: 21 - 28

Rev. Karla Otroszko

11:00 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service
Chapel

Led by Rev. John Cuentas

Missions Outreach Dinner Sept. 24

A Missions Outreach Dinner will be held, Wednesday, Sept. 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Representatives from each of our Missions Committees will be there with information about the work of each committee. A dinner of lasagna, salad, bread, and a drink will be served at no charge. Church youth will sell baked goods to help pay for their trip to Kenya. Please make reservations ahead so we will know how much to prepare. Fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or send to the church office.

I plan to attend the
MISSIONS OUTREACH DINNER

No attending: _____

Name _____

Telephone _____

Guitar Lessons

Mark Barnes will be teaching guitar lessons for ages 5th grade and up, Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 8, from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m.



for ten weeks. Cost is \$10 for the book. Contact Mark at the church office or email him at mark@cfumc.com

Our Positive Witness

Aug. 24, 2008

Worship: 596

9 am - 86; 11 am Contemporary - 321;
11 am Traditional - 145; Nursery - 31;
Hispanic - 13

Sunday School:

10 am - 381; Hispanic - 6

Aug. 19 - 25 2008

Weekly Revenue needed to meet 2008 Budget	\$19,968.00
Weekly Revenue Received	32,970.97
YTD Revenue Needed to meet 2008 Budget	652,716.00
YTD Received	703,444.48

Designated Funds:

Memorial: Clemmie Walker	280.00
Mission Memorial: Clemmie Walker	100.00
Memorial: Clara Ogletree	100.00
Building Fund Memorial: Clara Ogletree	100.00
Mary Searcy	100.00
Mission Memorial: Tom Reeve	50.00
Youth Kenya Mission Trip	570.00
Adventuring Ministries - LaGrange Trip	60.00
Pastor Discretionary	10.00

Serving This Week

9 am

Ushers: Jim Albright, Jim Sneddon, Bob Tatum

Greeters: Jo Ann Carroll & Peter Worthy

11 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tony Newman, Lee Barr, Joe McGinnis, Dan Minish, Jim Reynolds, David Godwin

Greeters: Gay Waldrop & Mary Ann Cripe

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Scott Barrett, Paul Bush, Louis Maier, Mike Horton, Carl Worthington, Judy Butler, Lawrence Anderson

Greeters: Carole Sanders & Beverly Goodwin

Front Porch Visitation - Larry Smith

Sanctuary Committee for September - Cathy Perry, Chp., Barbara Venters, Idys Overton, Tish Watson, Pat Murrach

Communion Server for September - Marilyn Hubbard

Youth Snack Supper -

'Kindermusik' offered

Family Time: "Movin and Groovin"

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.

Ages: Newsborn to 7 years

"Sign and Sing" unit 1 & 2

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

Ages: 6 months - 3 years

Both classes begin Sept. 11 and includes 10 sessions each. Cost is \$100 tuition (for each 10-week session), \$54 class materials (optional). Both classes meet in the InZone.

Kids Church and KidZone Resume

Kids Church for children in kindergarten, first, and second grades will resume on Sept. 7. Kids Church meets in rm. 201.

KidZone for children in pre-K through 5th grade will begin a Wednesday, Sept. 3. KidZone is 5 - 6:30 p.m. Pre-K and Kindergarten children meet in the InZone building. All other children meet in the Fellowship Hall.

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Aug. 31

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Sunday School

11 am - Contemporary Worship,
Fellowship Hall

11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11 am - Hispanic Worship -
Chapel

No Youth Activities

Monday, Sept. 1

Church Office closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 2

8:15 am - Yoga, Inzone

9:30 am - Beth Moore Study, rm.
210

6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, Sept. 3

10 am - Disciple II, rm. 309

12 noon - Church Executive
Council, Library

5 - 6:30 pm - KidZone

6 pm - Jr. High youth activities

6:30 pm - Adoration choir

7 pm - Chancel Choir

7 pm - Katie Downs Fellowship,
204 Shady Valley Dr.

Note to **Hispanic congregation:

TIME CHANGE: worship will now be held at 11 a.m. in the Chapel.