

Announcements

RETURN BABY BOTTLES

Thanks to everyone who filled baby bottles with change for the Pregnancy Resource Center. Please return the bottles (filled or unfilled) to the church so we can use them again next year.

MISSION TEAM AVAILABLE TO SHARE

Members of the Medical Mission team that returned recently from a mission trip will be available to share with SS classes, Bible study groups, etc. Contact Martha Thurman, mthurman_1@charter.net if you are interested.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Ms. Marnie's Preschool will be registering for the 2010-2011 school year on Monday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. There are classes for children ages two and three for two, three, or five days per week, and for children age four, five days per week. For more information, please contact Marni Flinn, at 770-834-4370.

FUN AT NIGHT FOR SIGHT

Sponsored by the Lions Club
Saturday, Feb. 27, 5:30 -8 p.m.
1 mile Fun Run/Walk to 5K run and Tot Trot.
Start at Lion Safari Park, 29 N. The \$20 fee is to benefit the visually impaired. Pick up an entry form outside the nursery area.

MISSION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

An informational/organizational meeting for the mission team to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18, at 3 p.m., in the church library. Although the trip is currently scheduled for April 18 - 24, other dates in April might be available. If you are interested in the trip but cannot make the meeting, please call Sue McBrayer (770-836-0414), or e-mail Sue at suemcbrayer@yahoo.com.

VBS DECORATIONS MEETING

A VBS Decorations meeting will be held, Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 5:30 p.m., in rm. 201.

LADIES ECUMENICAL LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars for the Ladies Ecumenical Luncheon to be held at CFUMC, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

HELP WITH KIDZONE SNACKS

Please help KidZone by donating the following items: Small pretzel twists, Cheerios, Fruit Loops, Goldfish crackers, packaged cookies, juice boxes (any flavor). Place in box outside front office. Thanks!!

This Sunday at CFUMC

February 21, 2010

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

Sermon:

Scripture: Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Rev. Karen Kagiyama

11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service Fellowship Hall

Sermon: "Does God Know That I Exist"

Scripture Matthew 10: 26 - 31; Psalm 139: 13 - 18

Rev. Eddie Herring

Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

John Cuentas preaching

Solid Rock Cafe

Adventuring Ministries News

Chili Supper

Adventuring Ministries will sponsor a **Chili Supper/Recipe Swap**, Thursday, March 4, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Just bring a pot of chili, complete with recipe, and be prepared for a fun time. Surprise entertainment is planned!



Niagra Falls Trip

Also, if you are planning to go on the Niagra Falls trip, please get your check in to the church for the full amount (\$555 per person). Your \$75 deposit check will be returned to you.

Wesley Foundation Fundraiser features Don Harp

The Fish House United Methodist Campus Ministry will host a spring fundraiser banquet on Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the CFUMC Fellowship Hall. A donation of \$25 per person includes the meal and an evening with Dr. Don Harp, former pastor of St. Andrew UMC and Wesley Foundation Director. Please make reservations by calling Rev. Karen Kagiyama at 678-234-4977 or via e-mail at uwgwesley@gmail.com. Checks payable to "Wesley Foundation" may be sent to 1518 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30117.

Funny, but true!

WARNING:

BEWARE OF 'TERRORIST' GROUPS IN CHURCH

Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches.. They have been identified as: **Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.** Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy.

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name **Bin Prayin** is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church.. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have **Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin** for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

NO CHURCH IS EXEMPT! (However, you can spot them if you bin lookin and bin goin.)

Our Positive Witness

Feb. 14, 2010

Worship: 614

9 am - 67; 11 am Contemporary- 231;

11 am Traditional - 225; Nursery - 28;

Hispanic - 63

Sunday School - 10 am - 326

2010 Pledges to Date

269 Pledges = \$973,805.00

Feb. 9-15, 2010

Weekly Revenue Needed	21,421.63
Weekly Revenue Received	14,206.35
YTD Revenue Needed	149,951.41
YTD Revenue Received	181,463.05

Designated Funds:

Memorials: Jewell Johnson	20.00
Good Samaritan Fund Memorial: Betty Nielsen	20.00
Strong Tower Memorial: Molly Garner	2,100.00
10th Grade Nicaragua Mission Trip	575.00
UMCOR - Haiti Advance #418325	100.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

Ushers: Bill Cook, Milton & Susan Berry

Greeters: Jim & Carolyn Sneddon, Nancy Tunnell

11:00 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tony Newman, Lee Barr, Karen Howson, David Godwin, Paul & Patti Allen

Greeters: Paul & Charlotte Penland, Jan & Tom Nielsen

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Jeff Gordon, Ben Gordon, Gary Cottrell, Ernest McClendon, Charlie Murrh, Bobby Sanders, Cal Johnson, Warren Daubenspeck, Mark Gustafson

Greeters: Peggy Gordon, Annette Barrett, Chuck & Michelle Conerly, Reid & Gail Walker

Acolytes - Josh Waldrep, Maggie Barrett, Cal Martin

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Feb. 21 - Russell & Julie Finleyson

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Matt & Leslie Green

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Feb. 21

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary
10 am - Church School
10 am- Parents Confirmation Meeting, Gathering room
11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall
11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe
6 pm - Youth Activities, Cafe

Monday, Feb. 22

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, Feb. 23

5 am - Hispanic Prayer, Chapel
6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, Feb. 24

9:30 am - Beth Moore Bible Study, rm. 201
9:30 am - Beth Moore Bible Study, rm. 306
10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206
5 pm - KidZone
6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe
7 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Feb. 25

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel
7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel

The Messenger

A PUBLICATION OF CARROLLTON FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH



Lent: a time of preparation

Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and/or spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Not all Christian churches observe Ash Wednesday or Lent. They are mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics.

Ash Wednesday begins a forty-day period (excluding Sundays) during which Christians remember their sinfulness, repent, ask God's forgiveness, and recognize that God's forgiveness comes at an infinite price -- the death of Christ on the cross on our behalf. It is not meant as a time of false humility or prideful self-sacrifice. It reminds us that our sin separates us from God, who "demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

Literally, "forty" means "enough time." The forty days commemorate the significant "forty" periods in Scripture (although forty is not always significant), including the forty years the Jews wandered in the desert after they had been rescued by God from Egypt, and which did not end until they repented. Jonah preached to Nineveh that God's judgment would come on them in forty days. During that time the people repented and thus were spared God's judgment. Jesus was tested by the Devil in the desert for forty days before He began His public ministry, announcing salvation to the repentant and judgment to those who continued to rebel against God. Jesus prophesied that God's judgment would come against Israel for rejecting Him as Messiah within the time of His own generation (Matt. 24; Luke 21; Mark 13).

During Lent Christians are to contemplate their sinfulness, repent, ask God's forgiveness, and realize the infinite sacrifice God made on their behalf. It is to be a time of quiet contemplation, but not a time of despair, since it culminates in the commemoration of the resurrection.

Some Christians abstain from a normal part of their daily routine during Lent to remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. Some might refrain from eating certain favorite foods, or from frivolous entertainment, etc. Some churches encourage members to commit to a sacrifice that can benefit the less fortunate, such as not eating out during Lent and then donating those unused dining funds to a local soup kitchen or food bank. Some churches dedicate the Saturdays of Lent to a congregational volunteer community project, such as refurbishing senior members' houses, or cleaning up a local park, or serving meals to the needy.

During Lent, the CFUMC Chapel will open each Wednesday, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. for prayer time. Pastor Herring is asking the church to join in a time of prayer and fasting during this contemplative time of Lent.

Intercessory Prayer

Bernice Brewton	Ralph Johnson, brother of Cal Johnson
Mary Erickson	Lynne Johnson, friend of John & Anne Ball
Jack Threadgill	Simone Taylor, friend of Sally Germany
Syble Gilley	Cherri Wilkerson, mother of Mindy Runyan
Bill Lankford	Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish
Buck Chavies	Cheryl Boyd
Frank Ledbetter	Debra Elnbee Wahl, friend of Jan Hembree
Harvey Copeland	Carrie Smith, daughter of Kathy Smith
Kay Chree	Kathy Hulsey, friend of Michael and Kristin Poss
Bob Sharpless	Tanya Ferguson, friend of the Shamm family
Carolyn Mason	Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley
Kitty Kaylor	Marla Shettes, friend of Tom & Idys Overton
Dixie Satterfield	Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Mildred Lambert	
Susan Logan	

Your Staff	Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor	Pat Reynolds, Communications Manager
Rev. Karla Oroszko, Associate Pastor	Diane Albright, Director of Nursery Ministries
Rev. Greg Cochran, Youth Minister	Tony and Cheryl Childers, Organist/Pianist
Rev. Mark Barnes, Music Minister	Clara Norton, Eva Haynes, Custodians
Rev. John Cuentas, Hispanic Minister	Dr. Dean Milford, Minister to Adults
Ernesine Maddox, Administrator	
Kelly Glanton, Amy Harris, Coordinators of Christian Education	

The First Methodist Messenger (USPS914-980)

Published Weekly by the
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Periodical Postage Paid at Carrollton, GA 30117
770-832-7069
POSTMASTER send address changes to:
The First Methodist Messenger
206 Newman St., Carrollton, GA 30117

Win Pray Attend Give

A Time of Prayer

Last Wednesday, Feb. 17, was Ash Wednesday, which is the beginning of the Lenten season. Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, excluding Sundays. At our Ash Wednesday service Pastor Greg preached a great message on fasting and prayer.

Traditionally, Lent is a time during which Christians would examine their lives to see where they needed to repent and change so their lives would glorify God. During this time people sought the Lord in preparation for Easter. During the Season of Lent 2010, I am asking the church to join in a time of fasting and prayer. Each Wednesday during Lent we ask those who are willing, to fast and pray. The Chapel will be open each Wednesday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. for you to come and pray. I want to encourage you to seek God, to pray for our church, and for God to move in our lives and church in a mighty way. I will be participating and I look forward to your joining me.

See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, join us as we fast and pray, and have a blessed week!

Eddie



Vol. XXXVIII, No. 7 February 17, 2010
First United Methodist Church
206 Newman Street Downtown
Carrollton, GA 30117
Church Office (770) 832-7069
Fax (770) 832-7065
Pre School (770) 834-4370
www.cfumc.com

Lenten Prayer Time
each Wednesday during Lent
6 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Chapel

LENT