

The Messenger



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How can you help?

PROVIDE HEALTH KITS

Although it is too early to send volunteer teams, UMCOR is encouraging church members to collect health kits for distribution in Haiti. UMCOR Sager Brown is coordinating a shipment of health kits to provide individuals with basic necessities. Below are details on how to help:

Health Kit (Value: \$12 per kit)

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", no kitchen towels)
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

(NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before it is sent. Please include \$1 for each kit you send for the purchase of toothpaste.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be NEW items.
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain **only** the requested items—nothing more.
- Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Drop-off

- Bring completed health kits to the church office by **MONDAY, JAN. 25.**
- Additional questions may be directed to Rev. Karen Kagiya at the Wesley Foundation (Karen.Kagiya@gmail.com) or the church office.

Earthquake in Haiti

UMC RESPONDS

The United Methodist Church is responding to the devastation of the Jan. 12 earthquake in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. As of presstime, United Methodists had raised more than \$1 million for relief work in Haiti. If you would like to help financially:



• You may make **online financial donations** directly to Haiti through the UMCOR Advance #418325 at the website www.umcor.org. 100% of the giving goes to Haiti—you can also give Carrollton First “credit” for making the donation.

Checks can be made to **UMCOR with Advance #418325 Haiti Emergency** in the memo line.

Checks can be put in the church’s offering plate or mailed to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is a 70-year-old humanitarian agency that engages in a broad range of programs in disaster relief, post-disaster rehabilitation, economic development, health services, peace initiatives, and services to refugees and immigrants.

UMCOR HEAD KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

The Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon, head of UMCOR, died before he could be rescued from the rubble of a hotel destroyed by the earthquake. He was part of a group of mission and relief specialists trapped by the collapse of the Hotel Montana.

Also killed was United Methodist Board of Global Ministries member Rev. Clinton Rabb, who had traveled to Haiti along with Dixon for meetings and contacts aimed at improving health services in what is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere.

Intercessory Prayer

Mary Erickson • Jack Threadgill • Moria Mackinnon • Syble Gilley
 Buck Chavies • Frank Lebetter • Derek Smith
 Harvey Copeland
 Jan Adams • Bob Sharpless • Carolyn Mason
 Kity Kaylor • Dixie Satterfield • Mildred Lambert
 Susan Logan • Clara Norton, staff member
 Lynne Johnson, friend of John & Anne Ball
 Simone Taylor, friend of Sally Germany
 Denise Martin, daughter of Don and Frances Martin
 Cheri Wilkerson, mother of Mindy Runyan
 Don Hayes, father of Cindy Minish
 Cheryl Boyd • Debra Elarbee Wahl, friend of Jan Hembree
 Carrie Smith, daughter of Kathy Smith
 Kathy Hulsey, friend of Michael and Kristin Poss
 Tanya Ferguson, friend of the Shunn family
 Jason Cates, friend of Kerr Lebetter
 Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley
 Martha Shertles, friend of Tom & Idys Overton
 Russ Sharp, friend of Dan Minish and others
Our heartfelt Christian sympathy is extended to Sheila Thompson and family in the death of her mother, Ruth Knowles, Jan. 13, in Fayetteville.
 And to Jennifer Watts and family in the death of her grandfather, Jim Norway, in Florida.

Your Staff

Rev. Eddie Herring, Senior Pastor	Angie Chesser, Financial Secretary
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Freedom in Christ

Monday, Jan. 18, was the Martin Luther King holiday. It is a day to remember what Dr. Martin Luther King did for our nation. Dr. King sought freedom and equality for all people, particularly African Americans. Dr. King, in his famous speech from Washington, said, “I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.” He also said “free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, we are free at last.” As we think about freedom for all people, the words of Jesus in John 8: 31 & 32 ring true. Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.” Verses 34 - 36 say, “...I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” What Jesus did on the cross paid our debt for our sins. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are free from sin and death. Because of Jesus, we are free indeed. Because of Jesus, we can say with Dr. King, *free at last*. Thank God Almighty we are free at last. It is only through what God did through Jesus that we can be truly free. Dr. King is right. We need to thank Almighty God for what God has done. God did it because God loves us. John 3: 16 tells us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Thank you, Jesus, for saving us and thank you, Dr. King, for reminding us. See you at church Sunday, share Jesus, make a difference, thank God for your freedom, and have a blessed week!

Win Pray Attend Give

Eddie

Announcements

OTHER HAITI NEEDS

Georgia DHS has been selected as a repatriation site for those who have been displaced by the earthquake in Haiti. They are especially looking for French speaking individuals, families, or organizations that can help. The need may be for caring for children and/or families.

If you know anyone who might be of help, please contact Amanda Camp.

Amanda Camp, Executive Director

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YOUTH NEWS

BIGSTUF 2010

Date: June 28-July 2

Registration for Bigstuf will close on Sunday, Jan. 24th. All the info you will need is on our website so follow the link: <http://www.solidrockspace.com/srevents.php> **D-now Weekend "LIVE LOVE" (formerly known as Student Impact Weekend)**

CFUMC Youth are joining other local churches to pull off the weekend of all weekends!!!! Follow the same link as above for more info.

BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS

MISSING

Please contact Kelly or Amy if you have Session One of **The Inheritance Bible Study**, the DVD set for **Believing God**, or the **Esther** study, all by Beth Moore. We need to collect these to be used by classes and study groups.

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

If you have email, please send the church your address. This will be helpful when sending out information concerning committee meetings, church-wide notices, and the church newsletter. Please send to angie@cfumc.com.

This Sunday at CFUMC

January 24, 2010

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

Sanctuary

Sermon: "A Gracious Plenty"

Scripture: John 2:1-11

Rev. Karla Otroszko

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

Sermon: "A New You"

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5: 17 - 19

Rev. Eddie Herring

Praise and Worship music by Crosswalk

11:15 a.m. Hispanic Worship Service

John Cuentas preaching

Solid Rock Cafe

Valentines Date Night Babysitting

Saturday, Feb. 13th

The second Annual Babysitting Fundraiser for your Valentines Date Night will be held Feb. 13! Proceeds go to the Junior Class Mission trip to Nicaragua. Watch the *Messenger* for more details.



Join Blind Faith Players

Attention all 15-year-olds and older who are interested in becoming part of the Blind Faith Players! A short organizational meeting will be held, Sunday, Jan. 31, at 12:15. We need to know who is interested so that appropriate skits can be created and proper full-length plays can be chosen.

Please mark your calendars to attend this first meeting of BFP! If you are interested but unable to attend this meeting, please contact Diane Wise, 770-894-7829, or email at blindfaithplayers@yahoo.com.



Henderson Settlement

A mission agency of the United Methodist Church
within the Red Bird Missionary Conference

Be a part of Appalachia Mission Trip

Are you interested in being part of a mission team but don't want to leave the country? Have you thought about helping the people of Appalachia? CFUMC has a great history of teams serving in the Red Bird Missionary Conference. An adult mission work team is forming for a trip to Henderson Settlement in Frakes, Kentucky. The project undertaken will be based on the team's participants. This mission is scheduled for April 18 - 24, 2010. Cost for lodging is \$185 per person, with the team preparing the meals. Space is available for 16 people. If you are interested in being a part of the team, or if you want more information, please call Sue McBrayer (770-836-0414), or e-mail her at suemcbrayer@yahoo.com. An informational and planning meeting will be held in mid February for those interested in the trip.

Our Positive Witness

Jan. 17, 2010

Worship: 590

9 am - 81; 11 am Contemporary- 262; 11 am Traditional - 172; Nursery - 22; Hispanic - 53

Sunday School - 10 am - 409

2010 Pledges to Date

231 Pledges = \$824,265.00

2009 Pledges

283 Pledges = \$938,626.00

Jan. 12 - 18, 2010

Weekly Revenue Needed to meet 2010 Budget: Pending

Weekly Revenue Received 20,868.33

YTD Revenue Needed Budget Pending

YTD Revenue Received 88,250.35

Designated Funds:

Strong Tower Memorials:

Molly Garner 1,650.00

Memorial: Jewell Johnson 170.00

Good Samaritan Mem. Betty Nielsen 180.00

UMCOR - Haiti Advance #418325 710.00

Salvation Army 30.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

Ushers: John Ball, Tim Davis, William Traylor

Greeters: Bill Cook & Martha Ann Saunders

11:00 am Contemporary

Ushers: Tim & Dawn Criswell, William Traylor, Rod & Elaine Shivers

Greeters: Barbara Tanner & Jerry Eady

11:00 am Traditional

Ushers: Buddy Williams, Jack Norton, Ken Waid, Chenault Cockrell, David Mecklin, Allen Murrah, David Parkman, Tom Overton, John Hughes, Cecil Duffee, George Hirvela

Greeters: Frank Jones & Jewell Johnson, George & Jackie Ward

Acolytes: Abby Herring, Mary Hirvela, Steve Hirvela

Youth Snack Supper - Sunday, Jan. 24 - Larry & Mary Ann Smith

Wednesday, Jan. 27 - Tim & Debbie Tucker

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, Jan. 24

9 am - Morning Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Church School

11 am - Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

11 am - Contemporary Worship, Fellowship Hall

11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe

6 pm - Youth Activities

Monday, Jan. 25

5 pm - Beginning Guitar, Choir Room

5:45 pm - Advanced Guitar, Choir Room

6 pm - Finance Committee, Library

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, Jan. 26

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, Jan. 27

10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206

5 pm - KidZone

6 pm - Jr. High Youth Activities, Solid Rock Cafe

7 pm - Chancel Choir

Thursday, Jan. 28

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel

Friday, Jan. 29

4 pm - Girl Scout Sleepover, InZone

8 pm - Hispanic Worship Service, Solid Rock Cafe