

Announcements

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR

An Emergency Preparedness Fair will be held, Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., at the VFW Fairgrounds, 1625 Bankhead Highway. Booths will be set up that will display helpful aid in floods, accidents, fire, etc. If you would like to sponsor a booth please e-mail janumberger@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the pastors, staff, congregation, and all who attended the banquet for the Wesley Foundation. Your hospitality and generosity have helped us raise nearly \$3,000 to date, with more still coming in. I appreciate the wonderful support given by our church.

Rev. Karen Kagiyama

POSITION OPENING

Church Administrator: This position is a highly significant position in the total operation and ministry of the church. Being directly responsible to the Senior Minister, the Church Administrator enhances the efficiency, congeniality, and effectiveness of the entire staff and congregation. Past church administrative experience required; minimum of five years. Please send resume to Rev. Eddie Herring, 206 Newnan St., Carrollton, GA 30117. **Deadline:** April 7.

ATTENTION CHILDREN:

All children (pre-kindergarten - fifth grade) will participate in the Palm Processional at 11:00 combined worship service this Sunday. After the processional, children will join their families until called for Kids Church. Children (kindergarten - second grade) can attend Kids Church which meets and dismisses in room 206. KIDZONE (PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN) CHILDREN WILL SING AFTER THE PALM PROCESSIONAL. THESE CHILDREN SHOULD REMAIN UP FRONT AND JOIN FAMILIES AFTER THEY SING.

OPEN HOUSE

Alice's House Community Children's Home will host an Open House, Sunday, March 28, in appreciation for the continued generous support of our community and also in honor of Evalyn Parrish. Although she will continue to be an active member of the Board, Evalyn has recently retired from the position of chairperson. Please drop by the home at 624 Folds Rd., between 2 and 4 p.m., to see some of the recent improvements to the home, enjoy a glass of punch, and visit.

REGISTER FOR VBS ONLINE

You can go online and register your child for this year's Vacation Bible School. Just go to www.cfumc.com and follow the link on the home page. You may also pick up registration forms on tables throughout the church.

This Sunday at CFUMC

March 28, 2010



Combined Worship 9 and 11 a.m. Sanctuary

The Chancel Choir and Crosswalk will present the story of Easter told through music, scripture, and the spoken word.
The Pre-K and Kindergarten choir will also sing.

Volunteer for Swim Meet; help youth program

CFUMC has the opportunity to be a part of the South-west Divisional Swim meet at Lakeshore Natatorium this coming weekend. The Carrollton Bluefins will donate to our youth ministry a substantial donation for providing time keepers for the event. We need volunteers to time the races; 17 people per session are needed. A time keeper must be 15 years-old or older. Please come out and support the youth group and the youth in our church who participate in the swim meet. Contact Greg Cochran at pastorgrec@gmail.com for more information.



Holy Week Services/Luncheon

March 29 - April 2 • 12 noon - 12:50 p.m.

CFUMC Fellowship Hall

Monday

Rev. Martha Dye, Shiloh UMC

Tuesday

Rev. Bradley Bell, First Baptist of Carrollton

Wednesday

Rev. Lanny Reich, Trinity Baptist

Holy Thursday

Rev. John Morris, First Christian

Good Friday

Revs. Steve Davis, Robert Manley, Karen Kagiyama

Offerings for the McCollum Fund, a ministry to those in need passing through our community, may be left in the baskets on the tables.



Good Friday Drama presented by Blind Faith Players

The drama, "Were You There" by Tricia McCary Rhodes, will be presented on Good Friday, April 2, by the Blind Faith Players, at 7 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Members of Crosswalk will present music.

"I am so excited about the production and know that it will be very impactful for all who are there," says Diane Wise, director. "The Lord is working through every one of us as we bring this event to all who attend." The production will feature Mark Gustafson as Simon Peter, Laurie Gustafson as Mary, and Diane Wise, an unknown follower.

The audience is asked to bring bouquets of fresh flowers and extra ones (for those who may forget) to place on the cross that will be the center of the production.

Ernestine (cont. from p. 1)

Milford. "She is dedicated, capable, efficient, untiring and hard working. Carrollton First United Methodist Church has been blessed that she has served."

"Ernestine loves this church and is always making the pastor's job a pure joy and delight," says current senior minister Eddie Herring. For me as senior pastor, she has made my ministry a blessing."

After so many years in one place, with modifications along the way, certainly some things remain the same. "We still pay our apportionments, and we're still United Methodists," she laughs.

"I've had a great time over the years and that's all because of the really great staff I've served with along the way. They have made it funny and interesting. To say I've

been blessed would be an understatement."

Her immediate family includes her husband of 49 years, Tim, son Shaun, daughter Stacie, son-in-law Ande Gibbs, and grandson Skyler.

Our Positive Witness

March 21, 2010

Worship: 598

9 am - 85; 11 am Contemporary - 218;

11 am Traditional - 182; Nursery - 26;

Hispanic - 87

March 16 - 22

Weekly Revenue Needed 21,421.63

Weekly Revenue Received 11,009.55

YTD Revenue Needed 257,059.56

YTD Revenue Received 289,357.39

Designated Funds:

Memorials: Jack Threadgill 140.00

Haiti Medical Mission 5,200.00

Strong Tower Boys 480.00

2010 Youth Nicaragua Mission Trip 220.00

Serving This Week

9:00 am Combined

Ushers: John Ball, Tim Davis, William Traylor

Greeters: Bill Cook & Martha Ann Saunders

11:00 am Combined

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 & Betty Jones, George & Jackie Ward

Acolytes: Katie Beth Carter, Madelyn Tuck, Ross Martin

Sanctuary Committee for April: Annette Barrett, Chp., Sue McBrayer, Linda Camp, Cindy Kesler

Youth Snack Supper: Sunday, March 28- Tom & Sharri Gainey
Wednesday, March 31 - Bryant & Cathy Hightower

This Week at CFUMC

Sunday, March 28

9 am - Combined Worship, Sanctuary

10 am - Church School

11 am - Combined Worship, Sanctuary

11:15 am - Hispanic Service, Solid Rock Cafe

4 pm - Easter Egg Hunt, Oak Mountain Park

6 pm - Youth Activities

Monday, March 29

12 noon - Holy Week Luncheon/Service, FSH

7 pm - Mission Meeting, rm. 206

7 pm - Boy Scouts, InZone

Tuesday, March 30

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

12 noon - Holy Week Luncheon/Service, FSH

6 pm - Cub Scouts, InZone

Wednesday, March 31

6 am - 9 pm - Lenten Prayer Vigil, Chapel

9:30 am - Beth Moore Bible Study, rm. 201(B. Green)

9:30 am - Beth Moore Bible Study, rm. 204 (K. Garrett)

10 am - Disciple III, rm. 206

12 noon - Holy Week Luncheon/Service, FSH

5 pm - KidZone

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

7 pm - Chancel Choir

7 pm - Esther Bible Study, rm. 206

Thursday, April 1

5 am - Hispanic Prayers, Chapel

12 noon - Holy Week Luncheon/Service, FSH

6 pm - Maundy Thursday Service, FSH

7 pm - Hispanic Bible Study, Chapel

Friday, April 2

12 noon - Holy Week Luncheon/Service, FSH

11th grade leaves for Nicaragua Mission Trip

7 pm - Good Friday Service, FSH

The Messenger

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Ernestine Maddox retires after 35 years at CFUMC

Ernestine Maddox will hang up her office phone and lock up the church office for the last time on April 30 as she retires after 35 years of service at Carrollton First United Methodist Church.

When Ernestine began at CFUMC in 1974, membership was at close to 1,100, gasoline was 55 cents per gallon, and Hugh Cauthen was senior minister, the first of nine under which she would serve. Charles Wilson, Hal Brady, Charles Farr, Dean Milford, Ferrell Drummond, Jimmy Thurman, Bob Allred, and Eddie Herring would follow, learning quickly that there was a capable someone at the helm of the church office who could help forge a smooth transition for them. She was a constant presence that would remain for more than three decades, seeing countless staff changes, building acquisitions, and new technology come onto the religious scene.

Perhaps it was divine intervention, or just plain good luck on the church's part when Ernestine, then a substitute teacher's aid at the church weekday kindergarten, walked into the church office to pick up the paychecks. Donna Heatherington, then CFUMC secretary, had been given permission to hire a part-time employee to assist her.

"When I told her I had worked for the State Department of Education before our children were born, she asked me if I

would be interested in working part-time for the church. I said, 'yes,' and the rest is history," she smiles.

Even before she began at the church she met a preacher who, unbeknownst to either of them, would someday become her boss.

"I first met Ernestine back in the 1960s when as Pastor of the Starrsville UMC, she

Save the Date: May 2

Reception to honor Ernestine following 11 a.m. services
Details forthcoming

and Tim brought their infant son, Shaun, to her Home Church to be baptized," says Dr. Jimmy Thurman, retired CFUMC senior minister. "I was delighted some 30 years later to be appointed to serve the Carrollton First UMC and find Ernestine in the position of Church Secretary. She was more than Secretary, she was the Administrator of the Church.

Ernestine's organizational skills and pastoral understanding along with her outgoing personality helped me more than she will ever know to serve the congregation and community. I wish for Ernestine the very best as she joins Tim in retirement."

What are those retirement plans? "I haven't made any...I'm open to suggestions!"

Another former pastor who has returned to Carrollton First following his retirement is Dr. Dean Milford, who worked with Ernestine in the 1980s.

"After serving over 50 years in ministry as a Pastor and as a District Superintendent, I can say without reservation, Earnestine Maddox was the best Administrative Assistant I ever had," commented Dr.

(See Ernestine, p. 3)



Intercessory Prayer

Miriam Horton
Frank Satterfield
Mary Erickson
Syble Gilley
Bill Lankford
Buck Chavies
Frank Ledbetter
Harvey Copeland
Kay Chree
Carolyn Mason
Kitty Kaylor
Dixie Satterfield
Mildred Lambert
Maurice Johnson
Susan Logan

Melanie Lambert
Bert Vant, father of Diane Wise
Klaus Dost
John Baldwin, uncle of Helen Martin
Lynne Johnson, friend of John & Anne Ball
Simone Taylor, friend of Sally Germany
Cherri 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
Charlotte Addison, friend of Brooke Mobley
Marla Shettles, friend of Tom & Idys Overton

Your Staff

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

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Combined Worship and Holy Week

You do not want to miss worship, Sunday, March 28, when we will have services at 9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Choir and Crosswalk will tell the story of the Cross and Easter through music and scripture. Our children will wave palm branches, and our pre-k and kindergarten children will sing at the 11 a.m. worship service.

The youth going to Nicaragua on a mission trip will be commissioned and sent out. When the Choir and Crosswalk combined at Christmas, the church had 979 people in attendance. If you can attend the 9 a.m. service, let me encourage you to do so. We were truly blessed at Christmas and I know we will be blessed as the Chancel Choir and Crosswalk remind us about the Cross and Easter. Tell your family and friends about this special service.

Children don't forget the Easter Egg Hunt at 4 p.m. Sunday at Oak Mountain Park. This will be a lot of fun!

Also, let me invite you to Holy Week Services at CFUMC Monday, March 29 - Friday, April 2, at noon. Those preaching are Monday: Rev. Martha Dye, Shiloh UMC, Tuesday: Rev. Bradley Bell, First Baptist of Carrollton, Wednesday: Rev. Lanny Reich, Trinity Baptist, Holy Thursday: Rev. John Morris, First Christian, Good Friday: Revs. Steve Davis, Robert Manley, Karen Kagiya. Join the community for these special services as we remember how Jesus suffered and died for our sins.

See you at worship Sunday and at noon throughout the week, share Jesus, fast and pray, make a difference, invite someone to church, and have a blessed week!

Eddie



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