

# The Circuit Writer

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

## Pastor Paul's Ponderings

Dear Friends at SSUMC,

According to Japanese legend, there was a young man named Sen no Rikyu who was interested in learning the elaborate set of customs that we know as "The Tea Ceremony." He went to a Tea Master named Takeeno Joo who tested the young man to see if he was serious about learning this perfectionist art. He asked him to tend a garden. Rikyu cleaned up the debris, raked the ground until it was perfect, and then stood back to check out his work and see if all was as it should be. But before presenting his work to his master, he went over to a cherry tree in that garden and then did this: He shook the tree which caused a few flowers to spill randomly onto the ground.

To this day, the Japanese revere Rikyu as one who understands life. They refer to it as *wabi-sabi*. That is the art of finding beauty in the imperfections of the earth and life. That sounds a lot to me like our season of Lent. Beginning February 22<sup>nd</sup>, with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:15 pm in the Sanctuary, we will begin a journey with the imperfections of life. How do you learn to live with them? Our Master, Jesus, will teach us in a series of sermons entitled *DIFFICULT ROADS*. These roads will include "When You're In the Wilderness" on February 26<sup>th</sup>, "When You Have to Take a Hard Road" on March 4<sup>th</sup>, "When You Need to Take Action" on March 11<sup>th</sup>, "When You Don't Understand" on March 18<sup>th</sup>, "When Your Time Comes" on March 25<sup>th</sup>, and concluding with "When You Can't See for Your Tears" on April 8<sup>th</sup>, Easter Sunday.

Join us too as we look at *CHRIST ON CANVAS: The Life of Jesus Through the Eyes of Great Artists*, for our Wednesday Night Gatherings February 29<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Life is full of imperfections. Let's learn how to deal with them together in this season of Lent.

In Christ,

Pastor Paul A. Fryman

State Street United Methodist Church

## Columbarium

We now have a Columbarium available to serve you in your time of need. This service is open to church members and their immediate family for internment. Each niche holds two cremated remains and sells for \$1,600.00. Installments of no less than \$50.00 monthly are being accepted, but must be paid in full at time of internment. A brochure is being created with all the information you may need to know and we hope to have that by April 1<sup>st</sup> available to the congregation. If, in the mean time, you have questions, feel free to ask Pastor Paul.



### February 1

7:00 p.m. Confirmation Class

### February 12

Be My Valentine Dinner  
5-7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall



\*All proceeds benefit  
our 2012 Latvia Mission Team

### February 16

12:00 p.m. Finance Committee

### February 19

5:00 p.m. Faith Builders

### February 21

5:30 p.m. Trustees

### February 22

Ash Wednesday

5:30 p.m. Potluck dinner

6:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service



Taylor's Chapel AME Church will join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., please bring extra food for our guests.

### February 26

2:30 p.m.

Retirement Home Ministry



## Gifts Given to the Church

\*\*\*Due to space constraints, we were not able to list all of the gifts this month. The remaining gifts will be listed in March.

### In Memory of...

#### Kenneth Nicely

Given to the Endowment Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Brashear, Alan Yungbluth, Mr. and Mrs. Don Burton, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Conley, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Elliott, Dr. Scott Ford, Shady Grove Baptist Church, Juanita Denham, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whitfield, Laura Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. James Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Cannon, Dr. and Mrs. Randy Capps, Rachel Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Vernon Martin, Sue Pauli, Pathfinders, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mills, Ted and Versie Hyatt, Barbara Sue Durrett, Jim and Jean Lockhart, and Jane Parker

Given to the Building Fund by James P. & Sue Rogers

#### Margaret Clagett

Given to the Endowment Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Baber, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baber, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gilde, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Richetts

Given to the Music Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stone

Given to the Help Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pfisterer

#### Helen Jones

Given to the Endowment Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardcastle, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Grounds

Given to the Food Ministry by Rachel Allen

Given to the Bell Choir by Pathfinders, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones, Dorothy Dodson, Barbara Sue Durrett, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry M. Connor, Mr. and Mrs. Myrl Brashear

#### Ann Ford

Given to the Endowment Fund by Dr. Scott Ford and Mr. & Mrs. Myrl Brashear

#### Oscar Carter, Jr. (Pam Connally's Father)

Given to the Endowment Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Higdon

Given to the Music Fund by the Chancel Choir and the New Life Sunday School Class

Given to the Kitchen Renovation Fund in memory of Clifford Neil Allen by Mrs. Rachel Allen

Given to the Music Fund in memory of Donna Overstreet Still by Mrs. Dero Downing

Given to the Youth Mission Trip in memory of Kevin Proctor by Mr. & Mrs. Trent Young

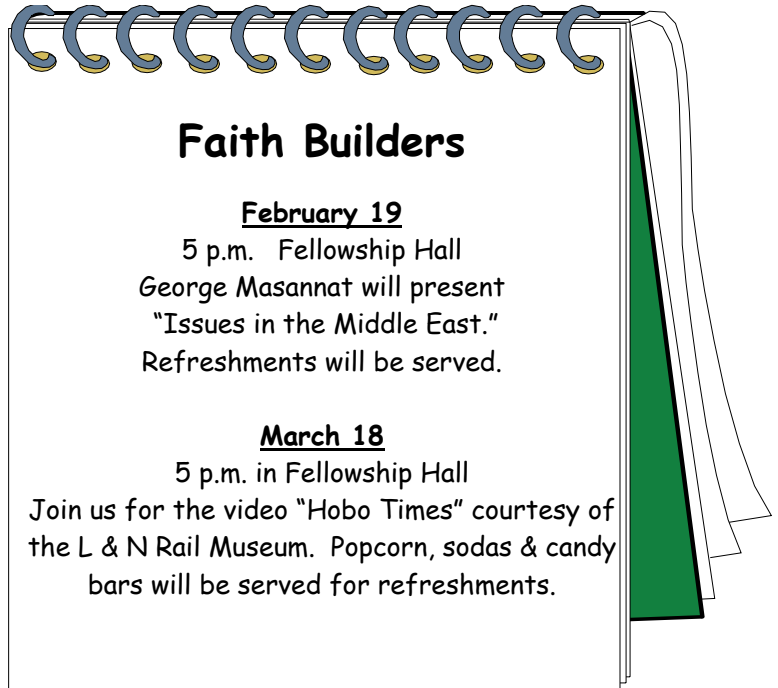
Given to the Food Ministries in memory of Harold Rogers by Laura Rogers

### In Honor of...

Given to the Endowment Fund in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Myrl Brashear by Mr. & Mrs. Dick Cooper

Given to the Endowment Fund in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Rob James by Mary Elizabeth Berry

Given to the White Christmas Boxes in honor of Mike Bishop by Mr. & Mrs. Tim Wagoner



## Faith Builders

**February 19**  
5 p.m. Fellowship Hall  
George Masannat will present  
"Issues in the Middle East."  
Refreshments will be served.

**March 18**  
5 p.m. in Fellowship Hall  
Join us for the video "Hobo Times" courtesy of  
the L & N Rail Museum. Popcorn, sodas & candy  
bars will be served for refreshments.

## From the Church Mailbox



State Street Friends,

Thank you for kind words, caring actions, and constant prayers during the difficult time of Kenneth's illness and death. God's love at work through you has given me strength and I am truly grateful.

Yours in Christ,  
Alice Nicely

Friends,

Many thanks to those of you who joined us for Myrl's 90th birthday celebration on November 19 and to others who could not come but sent cards. It was a very memorable occasion. We just want to thank you and tell you how very much our church family means to us.

Myrl and Marcella Brashear

Hermanos & Hermanas de State Street UMC

I appreciate your support for the mission trip to Haiti, thank you for allowing me to be an extension of the hands of God and of you in this country full of poverty, but that is believing in him who can give them prosperity.

Matthew 28:18-20  
Pastor, Marco A. Ballesteros

Dear Friends at State Street,

Thank you for your kindness and support during our time of need. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness and thank you most sincerely.

Lisa, Chase & McKenzie  
The Proctor Family



## Birthdays!

Pamela Jukes	01
James Chappell	02
Caitlin Gover	02
Addie Holland	06
Michael Bessette II	08
Landon Turner	09
Katie Corbin	11
Sarah Lowe	12
James Rogers	14
Richard Cooper	15
Mills Turner	15
Derrick Potter	20
Janet Turner	21
Jacob Lile	23
Kristin Peterson	23
Trent Young	24
Barbara Grider	26
Brandon Higdon	26
Maggie Vaughn	26
Jane Gillaspie	27
McKenzie Proctor	27

## Anniversaries!



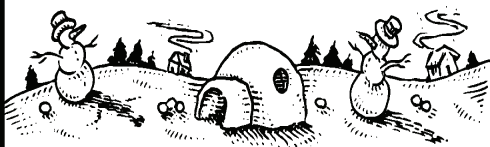
Charley & Julie Pride	6
Kenneth & Charlene Utley	6
Pam & Leroy Buck	14
Valerie & Jim Bullington	23



*Helen Sterk*  
*Tyler & Leslie Wright*  
*Steve, Nancy, Andrew & Rachel Speakman*  
*Rob, Cathi, Ashley & Evan Barth*

## Library Line – Janice Masannat

Lent and Easter books from the church library for children, youth and adults will be on display February 9th on a table outside the church office. Take this opportunity to read them and find the true meaning of this special time of the year in the church. When you check the books out, please put the date and your name on the borrower's cards and put the card in the designated slot.



## Prayer Requests

### Recent Requests:

Eileen Hepp  
 Sue Conley

### On Going Requests: *(Church Family)*

Bishop Davis & family  
 Paul & Ellen Fryman  
 Bob & Vivian Rice  
 SSUMC Staff  
 Jane Parker  
 Brooke DeCesare  
 Anne Grubbs  
 Myrl Brashear  
 Kathy Cockrill  
 Sam Willis  
 Sue Bullington  
 Rita Hays  
 Lou Sepulveda  
 Bart Hagerman  
 Kenneth Allen  
 Eleanor Dotson  
 Kaye Willis  
 Ron Pershing  
 Delores Floyd  
 Novice McGuffey  
 Arthur Carman  
 Rhonda Wagoner  
 Bill McCormack  
 Megan Connally  
 Don Williams  
 Nicely Family  
 Proctor Family  
 Jones Family  
 Still Family

### On-Going Requests: *(Friends & Family)*

Elouise Gage  
 Sabrina Erskine

### On-Going Requests:

#### *(Friends & Family)*

Liz Lyons  
 Joyce Askins  
 Allie Newman  
 Buffy Watt  
 Lanny Hester  
 Joy Lehman  
 Jasmin Schild  
 Sharon Rice Dallas  
 Stephanie Cobb  
 Teresa Curtis  
 Alison Chaffon  
 Jacob Allen  
 Laurie Conley  
 Charles Morris  
 Touria Myers & her brother Hassan  
 Jane Purpus  
 Bob Miller  
 Marge Hornbeck  
 Anna Hayes  
 Evie Cash  
 Lynn Carol Holton  
 Marie Shelton  
 Mary Conner  
 Wanda Rone  
 Sharon Graham  
 Dee Upton  
 Yvette Henry  
 Norma Henry  
 Anna Hayes  
 Tommy Banlon  
 Dewey & Ramona Hornbeck  
 Teresa Carman  
 David W. Streets  
 Jake Barnard  
 Don Lawhorn

### Our Military & Their Families:

Alden & Kate Lynch (Army)  
 Aaron Lynch (Marines)  
 Stuart Martinez-(Iraq)  
 Michael Kerr (Navy)  
 Brett Hightower (Army-injured)  
 Michael Bonham (A.F.-Iraq)  
 Danielle Denny (A.F.)  
 David Bunt (Army-Afgh)  
 Mary Freeley (Army)  
 Brent Grimes(Afgh.)  
 Ryan Steiger (USCG)  
 Tom Grace (Army-Afgh)  
 Jeffrey C. Combs (Army)  
 Tucker Carmichael  
 Jacob Bruening-Afgh.  
 James Portale-(Marines)  
 T.J. Burnett (Army-Iraq & Afgh)

### Missions:

Corazones Cristianos  
 Latvia UM Church  
 Toby & Yasmin Roberts, Gtmla

### Sympathy:

Ernest H. Jones Family

**Please Note:** The names of persons for whom prayer has been requested will remain on our prayer list for one month unless we are notified otherwise. The names of the homebound and ill of our church family as well as our church leaders and military will be kept on our list indefinitely.

## Please Remember Our Special Friends in Prayer:

### Retirement Center

Eleanor Dotson  
 Virginia Ayre  
 Lovelle Parsons

### Rosewood Manor

Margaret Hale Jackson

### Britthaven

Kathy Cockrill

### Christian Health Center

Irene Howard Weller

### Village Manor

Hazel Ryan  
 Frederica Williamson  
 Mozie Hatcher  
 Helen Almond  
 Genevieve Petry  
 Mary Jo Littleton  
 Altie Rives  
 Sarah Watson

### Colonial Manor

Sue Bullington

### Homebound

Sidney Carpenter  
 Bill McCormack  
 Blanche Parrent  
 Ina Ree Wright  
 George Thompson  
 Bill & Delores Floyd  
 Novice McGuffey  
 Jackie Mathison  
 Morton & Nancy Napier

Sam Willis  
 Tom Alvis  
 Geneva Duff  
 Jeanne Mays  
 Nina Bennett  
 Carol Laird  
 Myrl Brashear

## Kitchen Renovation

The Kitchen Renovation is complete (with the exception of a few more items needed such as pots, pans, tables, chairs, etc. and this is being looked into by our Kitchen Committee) but we are still trying to pay it off. We still owe \$10,000.00. If you would like to help us finish paying for this beautiful upgrade to our church, please make your checks accordingly. Thanks!



# February 2012

## StateStreetKids



**Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22**

**\*there will be no Children's  
Activities upstairs.**

**Each Sunday during Lent all  
Children are invited upstairs  
during the 10am service for  
Lenten Learning Activities**

**Bibles, Board Games,  
Barnes & Noble  
Feb - 16**

Meet at Barnes & Noble  
From 4 - 5 pm for a short  
devotion, games &  
Starbucks

February 1  
Confirmation Mtg  
7:15pm

**COMING SOON**

**Easter Egg-stravaganza!!!  
April 8....keep a look out for  
more info!!!**

**Feb Acolytes**

**5 - Jack Vitale & Kelsey Butts  
12 - Chloe Kelley & Tanner Martin  
19 - Justin DeCesare & Ben Carter  
26 - Nate Robb & Jackson Stahl**

## February – Youth

### Sunday, february 5<sup>th</sup>

UMYF - Canceled due to the Super Bowl

### Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

UMYF - "Life of Community" . . 5:00 until 7:00 p.m.

Come out and join us for food, games, and a lesson on Community.

### Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

UMYF - "Chili Bowl" . . . 2:00 until 6:00 p.m.

More details below.

### Sunday, february 26<sup>th</sup>

UMYF - "Service Project- Bread Baking" . . 4:00 until 7:00 p.m.

More details below



### Hunger Games Quotes

““You love me? Real or not Real?”

I tell him, “Real.”

BE REAL with Your LOVE

### Wednesday Night Gatherings

February 1st - Guy/Girl Split - 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

February 8th - Guy/Girl Split- 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

February 15th - Guy/Girl Split- 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

February 22nd - Ash Wednesday- 6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

February 29th—Guy/Girl Split—6:00-7:15 p.m.

### Special Events for February

#### “Chili Bowl” - Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> . . . 2:00-6:00

Come out at 2:00 to get your team pick and make your team t-shirt. We will be at the WKU Intramural Field from 3:00-5:00p.m. playing flag football and will return for Chili and grilled cheese. Invite your friends. Dress to be outside.

#### “Youth Bread Baking” - Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> . . . 4:00-7:00

Come out for this special service project event. We will be making quick bread/soup to be handed out to CUICHM (Churches United in Christ Help Ministry) during the following week.

### February Deadlines

February 26<sup>th</sup> – The 11th annual Mission Trip and Retreat- \$50 Deposit Due

Happy Valentines Day! “May the odds be ever in your favor.”

-Effie Trinket—The Hunger Games



## Lumps From The Potter's Lathe

Adam H. Potter - Minister of Intentional Discipleship  
Worship - Community - Fellowship - Mission

*"The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. By faith, we see the world called into existence by God's word, what we see created by what we don't see."*

Hebrews 11: 1-3 *The Message*

Please Pray for Our College Mission Team



Traveling to Quesada,  
**COSTA RICA**  
March 2-9, 2012



Team Leader: Adam Potter Co-Leader: David Douglas  
Dylan Greer, Chelsey Fuller,  
Jacob Hicks, Holley Humphrey, Sarah Lewis,  
Sarah Lowe, and Kaitlyn Snyder

*"¡Servir Unos a Otros! - Serve One Another!"*  
1 Peter 4: 10-11

### "The Exodus Community"

The Modern Worship Experience  
of State Street UMC

### "A Light in the Darkness" EPIPHANY SERMON SERIES

Sunday, February 5th:

'Finding Your Way in the Dark'

Mark 1: 29-39

Paul Fryman speaking

Sunday, February 12th:

'When God Seems Hidden'

Psalms 30

Adam Potter speaking

Sunday, February 19th:

'The God Who Does a New Thing'

Isaiah 43: 18-25

Adam Potter speaking

### "Difficult Roads" LENTEN SERMON SERIES

Sunday, February 26th:

'When You're in the Wilderness'

Mark 1: 9-15

Adam Potter speaking

## Be A Part of a Mission!

Help is needed to  
send your mission  
team to Costa Rica.



### Team Needs x 9 Members

\$10.00 - VBS Supplies  
\$20.00 - UMVIM Registration  
\$20.00 - UMVIM Insurance  
\$30.00 - Construction Materials  
\$30.00 - Costa Rica Exit Tax  
\$40.00 - Airline Team Bag Fee

(Team bags transport VBS supplies, team food,  
vitamins, clothing, shoes, donations, etc.)

If you can help, please visit the Costa Rica  
Mission Team board located by the office or  
contact Adam Potter for more details.



## Valentine's Dinner

Sunday, February 12th

5:00-7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please dine with us at your convenience.

Register no later than Wednesday, February 8th.

Who: All Singles, Couples, & Families

\$10 per person—\$25 Family Rate (3 or more)

*Tossed Salad, Homemade Bread, Lasagna,  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade & Water*

Be Our Valentine!



\*All proceeds benefit our 2012 Latvia Mission Team

*Lee's Lyrics*

Minister of Traditional Worship  
singinghispraises@insightbb.com

*Singing His Praises*

### ***Spare Change Ministry***

***Don't forget to save your pennies for our spare change ministry.  
Pick up a coin bank that fits in your car cup holder in the office and narthex.  
Return to Lee when it is full.***

***We are now collecting change to send with the Youth Mission Team on their trip to Tuscaloosa, Alabama this summer. They will be working on tornado recovery.***

***Your change is making a difference around the corner and around the world.***

### **Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 22nd  
6:00 p.m.  
(following the meal)**

**Please join us as we welcome Taylor's Chapel AME Church for this very special service.**

### **Lent**

Lent is a 40 day period of preparation for the highlight of our Christian celebrations, Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with our Easter services. The 40 days do not include Sundays, which are considered "mini - Easters". In reality there are 40 weekdays and 6 Sundays in Lent. Why 40?

- The rain fell on Noah for 40 days.
- The Israelites wandered in the desert for 40 years.
- Jesus fasted 40 days in the wilderness.
- The Hebrews were in exile for 40 years.
- Twice Moses was on the mountain for 40 days.

### **Music Ministry Birthday Dinner**

**Monday, February 6th  
6:00**

**For all music ministry members and their spouses with birthdays in February.**

**Worship Committee Meeting  
February 13th @ noon  
Brickyard Cafe**

**Hand Bell Choir  
Plays  
February 12th  
10:00**



*Join the Music Ministry and share more than just a song. Share in fellowship, friendship, worship and prayer!*

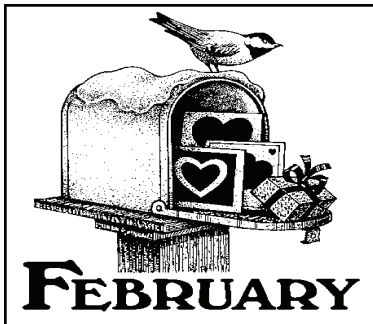
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## Our State Street Staff

### Senior Pastor

~ Dr. Paul Fryman

### Minister of Visitation

~ Dr. Robert Rice

### Minister of Children

~ Carla Schooler

### Minister of Student Development

~ Courtney Potter

### Minister of Intentional

Discipleship ~ Adam Potter

### Minister of Traditional Worship ~

Lee Young

### Children's Music Intern ~

Caitlin Denman

### Organist ~ Julie Pride

### Minister of Justice Ministries~

Kevin Mays

### Church Secretary ~ Suzy Muzyka

### Finance Manager ~ Tricia Hendrix

### Church Hostess ~ Betty Lee

### Custodian ~ Joshua Daugherty

### Housekeeping~Pam Fitzgerald

### Maintenance ~ Dennis Jones

## State Street UMC Endowment Statement

Each Sunday we have the opportunity to worship God with our tithes and offerings. The tithes and gifts we bring are an expression of our love and gratitude toward our Father for his sacrificial gift to us. These tithes make it possible for State Street United Methodist Church to offer the gospel around the corner and around the world. But, did you know there is another way you can provide a gift to your church that makes a difference for many years to come? This method of giving is called an "endowment" which is usually a sum of money or other assets given while the person is alive. Sometimes the endowment is given as a part of the individual's estate plan.

The thing about an endowment gift is that the gift's principal is not immediately used by the church but is invested through the Kentucky Methodist Foundation. A portion of the church's total endowment is returned every year to support the church. A gift to the endowment lasts forever because year after year it keeps giving and giving. Most importantly, State Street's endowment fund helps insure our ability to have a strong church indefinitely.

You are encouraged to prayerfully consider a gift to State Street's Endowment Fund and/or including your church in your estate planning. The church has an Endowment Committee that would be delighted to provide you with more information and answer questions about this type of giving. Simply contact Pastor Fryman to begin the process.

