

United Methodist Women

The Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. in room 106. Please bring a sandwich - drinks and dessert will be provided.

The Circle of Grace will have a Sewing Circle meeting on Wed., Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. in room 132. Please bring medium size safety pins and scissors to make baby quilts for CHIP first time moms.

Important Dates -
Tuesday, Feb. 7th - Unit Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in room 136.

Attention Middle & High School Students

Application forms for the Ralph & Margaret Nichols Mission Scholarships are available on the youth table and at the Welcome Centers. The UMW will be offering three \$200 scholarships toward the cost of a mission trip(s).

Applications must be turned in by Friday, April 1st.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast - Sunday, Feb. 12 at 6:45 AM.

Note that this is a change from our regular meeting date due to our church hosting NEST.

Our speaker will be Andrew Kissell, our new Elizabeth River District UMM President. Please join us for a time of prayer, song, a great breakfast and meeting the new district UMM president.

Come see "Jonah" at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. Join church members as they travel to Lancaster for the production of Jonah March 23rd & 24th. Deadline for sign-ups & payment is Tues., Jan. 31st. If interested or have questions contact Ruth Wiles at 482-1481.

Confirmation is a meaningful part of our faith journey. In the United Methodist Church, Confirmation is open to youth (grades 7 - 12) who wish to become disciples of Christ by professing their faith and becoming a member of the congregation. Invitations to attend Confirmation 2012 are being sent out, but if you - or someone you know - are interested in participating in Confirmation, please contact the church office at 482-1049. The first event will be on Sunday, February 12th, at 2:00 p.m. Confirmands, parents and mentors are invited as we begin this spiritual journey!

Have You Taken Control of Your Health Today? Life Line Screening will be here on Fri., February 3rd offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. There is no time like the present to take action! Flyers are available at the Welcome Centers.

Have you EVER wanted to be an Acolyte? Now is your chance! We are looking for people to help with all three services as acolytes and crucifers. Age requirements are from 6 - 99, yes, we are allowing adults, young and older to join our "elite group of candle lighters." Our younger set will wear the traditional white robes, but everyone else will just wear their "Sunday clothes" (but no flip flops). If you are interested, please contact Dale McClure at dkmclure3@verizon.net and she will get you started.

Youth Update!

High School & Middle School

No Sunday Night Youth tonight because of the Work Crew weekend.

Watch the SuperBowl at Jeff and Jen's Sun., Feb. 5, 6:30 - 9 PM. We'll have food too!

High School

HS Prayer Breakfast Friday! 7 - 8 AM @ Addy Hawkins' 317 Cheshire Forest Dr. Directions are on our website: www.greatbridgeumc.com/youth

Middle School

Girl's Refuge this week! Wednesday - 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Youth Room. For 6th - 8th Grade Girls.

Handbell Players Needed! If you would like to become involved in our handbell ministry & have basic understanding of counting, in Feb. 2 - 3 players are needed in the Solid Rock Ringers. This group meets on Tuesdays from 5 - 5:45 p.m.

Choir opportunity for 5th Graders - Tuesdays. 5th graders interested in singing are being given another choir opportunity. This group will be called the Alpha & Omega Jr. Ensemble & will practice with the Alpha & Omega Sr. Ensemble at 6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Rehearsals will be kept short for serious but busy singers.

If you are interested in either of these music opportunities, contact Denise at 482-1049 or gbumcmusic@verizon.net.

"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed"

Thursdays from 7 - 9 p.m. in room 132, we will offer a 6 - week study of David, called "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed." There is some homework & great DVD sessions by Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer & Beth Moore. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Case at 482-4943. Everyone is welcome - dudes, chicks, young & old.

United Methodist Men hosted Bible Study - "The Thirteen Apostles"

Twelve men personally chosen by Jesus to lead in his ministry of spreading God's word and love - and later, a thirteenth. If asked, few of us could name them all; and yet, Jesus left his mission and message in the care of this small group of men. Today, their spiritual descendants fill the world. Everyone is invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 136 as we continue our journey with the group that walked with Jesus.

Final Words from the Cross by Adam Hamilton

This small-group study DVD contains seven teaching sessions featuring Hamilton providing fresh insight into Jesus' final words at the cross through the perspective of those who witnessed the crucifixion. Then, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to the disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who were witnesses to the Resurrection. You can join this study beginning **Wednesday, Feb. 8th at 6:30 p.m. in room 119** or **Sunday, Feb. 19th at 9:30 a.m. in room 135** or **11 a. m. in room 109.**