

Special Events For the Month of March:

Mar. 1	Thurs.	6:00 p.m.	Emmaus
2	Fri.		World Day of Prayer
4	Sun.	2:00 p.m.	UMW District Officers
8	Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Emmaus
10	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Emmaus
		1:00 p.m.	Youth Baking in Church Kitchen
11	Sun.	12:00 p.m.	Youth Bake Sale
		1:00 p.m.	Youth to Athens
		6:00 p.m.	Second Sunday Singing @ New Bethel
18-21	Sun.		Spiritual Renewal with Curt McKee
20	Tues.	6:30 p.m.	UMW - cancelled due to conflict with scheduling
21	Wed.	6:00 p.m.	No KIC/NO YOUTH Spring Break
22	Thurs.	6:30 p.m.	Emmaus
24	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Emmaus
25	Sun.	5:30 p.m.	Church Council
28	Wed.	5:00 p.m.	VBS Planning Meeting
31	Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Boy Scouts Yard Sale

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Sunday Classes: 9:45 a.m. -Nursery provided
 ↪ **Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. - Exciting, Bible Centered, and God Honoring**
Sunday Worship on the Radio: 10:00 a.m. on 1280 AM
 Past Worship Services on our Website at www.fumcdayton.org

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March 2007

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is my hope and prayer for God to bless our church through a Spiritual Renewal Event planned at First United Methodist Church for Sunday through Wednesday, March 18-21. The leader for this event will be Rev. Curt McKee, general evangelist for our Holston Conference. The focus of the Spiritual Renewal Event is on seeking a "fresh encounter with God." I am excited about the possibilities of this experience for our church family.

Recently, we as a church made this commitment for Lent:

I, _____, want to spend Lent examining myself, searching my heart, and praying for the healing of my church family. I will ask God to search and cleanse me. He will prepare me for Easter Sunday when I will rejoice in the resurrection of His son, stand united in joyful worship, and know my Father more clearly.

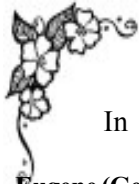
We are coming together to pray for the "healing of our church family." Spiritual Renewal comes in answer to the heartfelt and earnest prayers from God's people. Through love and compassion, God's desire is to pour His blessings upon His Church so that "times of refreshing may

come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

Let us seek God and pray for Spiritual Renewal, pleading as did the Psalmist, "Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?" (Psalm 85:6). To "revive" means to renew, restore, repair or bring back to life. Oh, how we need God's grace and strength to empower our lives. Oh, how we need more of God! We traditionally use the terms revival and renewal almost interchangeably. They are similar because both open our spiritual eyes and ears to experience God more fully.

In his book, *One Divine Moment*, Robert Coleman says "Revival is the sovereign act of God's mercy and grace toward sinners that liberates from sin and opens the door to full fellowship with God through Jesus Christ. We were dead in our trespasses and sin, but through Christ we are revived and raised to life in Him through faith in His death and resurrection. Renewal on the other hand, represents the sovereign acts of

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Memorials

In Loving Memory of:

Eugene (Gene) Wright

By: *Guy & Brenda Ream*

*Sara, Corky & Martha Hembree
William and Mary Beth Moore*

Richard Rogers

By: *Harlow & Phyllis Thum*

*Jerry & Faith Young
Martin & Bunny Derlak
William & Mary Beth Moore
Sara, Corky & Martha Hembree*

J.W. Purser

By: *Howard & Edwina Taylor
Jere & Jane Ballentine
Jerry & Faith Young*

Rev. R. Paul Smith

By: *W.E. & Elsie Robinson*

Richard Wyatt

By: *Howard & Edwina Taylor*

Reba Fitzgerald

By: *Howard & Edwina Taylor
Toni Alexander
W.E. & Elsie Robinson
Jere & Jane Ballentine
Martin & Bunny Derlak*

Weekly Events

Every Sunday Morning:

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Every Sunday Evening:

5:00 p.m. Choir
7:00 p.m. Youth
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Every Monday:

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Praise Team

Every 2nd and 4th Monday:

6:30 p.m. Daughters of the King

Every Tuesday:

6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts
7:00 p.m. Emmaus- "In His Grace"

Every Third Tuesday:

6:00 p.m. - UMW

Every Wednesday:

6:00 p.m. K.I.C.
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer

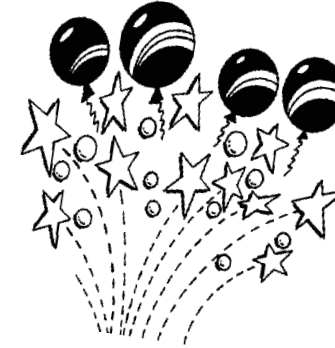
Every Thursday:

10:30 a.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

*First Sunday of every month:
Food Collection for "We Care"*

*First Sunday every even month:
11:00 Holy Communion*

March Birthdays



2 William Moore
2 Natalie Canerdy
3 Nancy Smith
4 Judy Pendergrass
5 Martha Kittell
6 Nellie Abel
7 Hayes Conner
11 Kendell Buchanan
11 Tennga Conner
11 Harlow Thum
12 Bailey Brown
13 Beverly Canerdy
13 Sara Hembree
15 Robert Abel
16 Andrew Barton
18 Sandra Ellis

19 ViElla Fitzgerald
22 Clara Chadwick
22 Nathan Snyder
23 Harold Winsett
25 Bunny Derlak
27 Sara Nichols
27 Tyler Wooden
28 Patti Jaquette
28 Amanda Pendergrass
28 Amber Tucker
29 W.E. Robinson
30 Deanna Dill
30 Trenton Wooden
31 Kathi Facciani
31 Heather Sneed

Our Response to God's Love

Giving to the Budget:

Attendance:

	SS	Worship	
Feb. 04	83	135	\$ 6,625.50
Feb. 11	87	149	\$ 3,961.08
Feb. 18	53	101	\$ 3,854.50
Feb. 25	81	127	\$ 2,924.95
Totals	304	512	\$ 17,366.03
Mo. Avg.	76	128	\$ 4,341.51

*We thank all who faithfully gave towards the budget.
Our monthly projected budget is \$22,212.66
We are roughly \$(8,958.72) behind in our giving
through the month of February 2007*

CHURCH DIRECTORIES!

Directories may be picked up in the Church Office, M-F during business hours.

BIBLE STUDIES

Pastor's Thursday Morning Bible Study at the church in the Loyalty Sunday School Classroom at 10:30 a.m. We are studying Revelation until March 22. March 29 will begin the series Experiencing God.

Daughters of the King Bible Study

The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

We will be studying the book *Prayed On or Prayed For* by Terry Teykl.

Emmaus, "In His Grace", will meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. in the church library. Ann Blackburn, Leader. All are welcome.

Sunday Morning "On the Air"
Every Sunday Morning at
10:00 a.m. on WBAC (AM
1340, Cleveland) WDNT (AM
1280, Dayton) and
WXQK (AM 970 Spring City)

(Services are broadcast on
a one week delay)

Nurseries:

For your convenience, our **Infant and Toddler Nurseries** are open every Sunday morning. (Go down hall behind sanctuary – take first hall way left and go to end of hall. Nurseries are on right at end of hall).

Mar. 4- Holy Communion will be served at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Continue to Donate **Your Eyeglasses**

The UMW is placing a basket in the hall outside the church office to collect old/discarded eye glasses. These eye glasses will be distributed in local mission through the Lions Club or overseas through mission trips. Thank you for your help.

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Food Pantry **Sunday**



The first Sunday of every month is *Food Pantry Sunday*. The food we collect goes to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Please bring non-perishable food items and leave them at any entrance to the church.

Seeking Church Missionaries

Jennifer VanMeter is seeking Children Church volunteers for 2007. If interested, please call 322-6669.

Nursery Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to work in the nursery for the month of March. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office 775-0262 or Amber Tucker 240-9237

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## First FUMC Presents HEALTH SERIES

A six weeks program is being planned for Thursday evenings from 7 p.m to 8 p.m. The first five weeks will be information session with a question and answer period. The sixth week will be a health screening. The dates for the information sessions and topics are listed below:

- March 1** High Blood Pressure – The Silent Killer
- March 15** Cholesterol & Heart Disease
- March 29** Stroke (Brain Attack)—what is it and how do I know if I am having one?
- April 12** Osteoporosis (not just a disease of women)
- April 26** Are you at risk for diabetes & complications of diabetes?

**Health Screening to be announced.**

## Preschool News

Our themes for February were: Clifford, Love and Friendship, Cats, and Dr. Seuss. We have finished our alphabet and will now review daily with the children on what they have already learned.

We made a lot of art projects and made valentines for parents and friends. We had a Valentine's Day party where the students got to pass out valentines to their friends. They had a wonderful time!! We had a lot of good food and fellowship.

We started a spring fund-raiser to raise money for our new library.

We will have spring pictures on April 9 and anyone from the community is welcome! The photographers will be here at 9 a.m. that morning.

We will have early registration for the upcoming school year 3/ 26- 3/30

We appreciate all of the help from our parents.

We are now accepting: Campbell Soup Labels, Ink Cartridges, Cell phones and any art supplies such as construction paper, markers, or glue.

Thank you for all of your help and support!!

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**Holston Conference UMW**  
**2007 Young Women's Retreat**  
*(45 years and under)*

**March 24-25, 2007**  
**Main Stay Suites**  
**410 Pine Mountain Road**  
**Pigeon Forge, Tennessee 37863**  
**1-888-428-8350**

If interested in attending, please contact Adair McElynn @ 570-1379 or Celia Dixon @ 775-5123

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God's mercy and grace toward believers confronting us with the need to live empowered lives for witness, service and holiness .... Revival confronts the sinner with the need for salvation.... Renewal confronts the believer with the call to sanctification...to live Spirit-filled lives marked by sacrificial love for God and others."

What we need is a hunger and deep desire for the manifest presence of God to transform our lives — for Jesus to bring His healing touch to restore and renew us with strength, health and wholeness — for the Holy Spirit to fill the emptiness of our lives, and to energize us with power so that we can overcome doubt and discouragement. Above all, we need a deeper relationship and intimacy with a personal God who wants to embrace us with His amazing love. God is calling His people into His presence with a new sense of expectation for a "fresh encounter" with Himself.

Leader of our Spiritual Renewal Event, Rev. Curt McKee offers this overview about this Spiritual Renewal Event:

**“HEALING AND WHOLENESS IN A BROKEN WORLD** – We do not have to look very far to find persons who are in need of Christ's healing. He stands ready to touch all who seek him with faith believing he can make a difference. The way we can receive the most from the Lord is by giving our all to him. In this event participants are urged to make a full

commitment of every part of their lives to Jesus Christ. This involves being examined by the power of the Holy Spirit and witness of God's Word. Also explored is the need for healing of our hearts, minds, spirits, bodies, and relationships."

Our Spiritual Renewal Event will begin with Rev. Curt McKee preaching during our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 A.M. on March 18, and will continue nightly, Sunday through Wednesday, March 18-21 at 7:00 P.M. Each service will offer prayers for healing at the altar. This will be more than a series of preaching/teaching services. We are praying for a powerful movement from God to bring "unity, healing and reconciliation" for our church. We believe that God hears our prayers for a "spiritual awakening", and that we will have a more fervent love for Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior!

May God bless you!

In Christ's Service,

### **Beginning a 14-Week Bible Study on Psalms**

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Marcie Lawley, 345 Gholdston Drive – 570-1061.

## **Conference /District Up Coming Events**

- Mar 2 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 3 UMM Day with the Bishop
- Mar 11 Daylight Savings Time
- Mar 18 One Great Hour of Sharing
- Mar 18-20 Jubilation Kingsport, Tennessee
- Mar 24-25 UMW Young Women's Retreat, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

### **Student Loans and Scholarships available:**

A student must be attending an accredited degree program full time and have a 2.0 GPA. Applications now being taken for fall 2007. Call 615-340-7346 to contact the Office of Loans and Scholarships. For information or an application by email, [umloans@gbhem.org](mailto:umloans@gbhem.org) or [umscholar@gbhem.org](mailto:umscholar@gbhem.org).

### **Lay Speaker Training:**

To those who were recommended in their last Charge Conference- You will have the opportunity for the required training October 19-20, 2007. More details will be available in upcoming newsletters. Participants who take the first course are certified for their local church and those completing the advance course qualify to speak in other Cleveland District

### **Wish List:**

Steve Hodges, executive director of Jubilee Project has expressed their need for rolls of postage stamps. Send them to: Jubilee Project, Inc. P.O. Box 657 Sneedville, TN 37869

### **Southern Holston Disaster Response Team**

A team leader will be identified to lead the group as an early response team responding to natural disasters on a short time basis to provide emergency assistance and damage assessment. Early response teams will be trained by UMCOR to: (1) provide a Christian presence, (2) debris removal, (3) assist to make the area safe and secure, (4) clean-up, (5) observe need and report to the Conference and UMCOR, and (6) be a part of the caring ministry of listeners. The Cleveland District coordinator is Rev. Glenn Moseley who may be contacted at [jgmpjm@bellsouth.net](mailto:jgmpjm@bellsouth.net) or phone 423-775-2306 or the Holston Conference contact is Jim Hayes at [jrhayes46@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrhayes46@bellsouth.net)

## Safe Sanctuaries

What type of further training is needed? Consider offering a class for parents, volunteers and staff to learn about cell phone pornography, misuse of websites or I-pods and MP3 players. Curriculum called "Created by God" by James Ritchie is available through Cokesbury and youth curriculum is available through [www.ileadyouth.com](http://www.ileadyouth.com)

## Success That Matters Seminar

"Helping Men Find  
Success That Matters"

When: April 13, 2007

7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

April 14, 2007

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites  
Bristol, VA

Reservations are due by March 30,  
2007 for special event rate.

Contact Tom Mitoraj @ 276-466-0881  
\$40/man but no registration fee for  
wives or children.

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## Mission Trip to Haiti Planned for Tuesday, May 15 to Tuesday, May 22, 2007

### PURPOSE OF TRIP:

1. To proclaim the gospel
2. To work on a medical clinic
3. To offer medical help in a makeshift medical clinic.

Anyone interested in this trip, please  
contact Bill Ketchersid at 423-775-0689.

## Experiencing God Study 13-Week Course Begins March 25

Hundreds of thousands of people around the world have been drawn closer to God through the study of Henry Blackaby's book, Experiencing God and Doing the Will of God.

First United Methodist will begin this course that teaches biblical principles for your life. The Experiencing God Study will be offered during Sunday Evening Worship Services beginning on March 25 at 7:00 p.m., and during Thursday Bible Group beginning on March 29 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor John will lead the study.

During Experiencing God, participants will use biblical study to "learn to hear when God is speaking to you; and to find out where God is working and to join Him. We will experience God doing through you what only God can do!"

A sign-up sheet to order your Experiencing God Workbook is available on the table by the church office.

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### Lay members and Pastors

Pre-Conference Briefing on Sunday, May 20, 2007, at 3:00 p.m. at Ooltewah UMC. Please mark your calendars. May be asked to bring your packet of annual conference information that the conference will send to lay members "early May".