



THE MESSENGER

January 2010

First United Methodist Church
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“Where the Spirit Makes the Difference”



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

To the First United Methodist Church at Monroe

Phoebe and I are pleased to serve the church as a “Supply Retired United Methodist Minister, Talk about a title. We have never done this before, but we are willing to do the best we can. We both feel this is the Will of God for us under these conditions.

It will only be a **part time appointment** beginning in January, 2010. As a part time position, I am aware that I cannot do what a full time position can accomplish. I will be working three days a week. In spite of all of this, I pledge to you to do the best I can with the understanding that I am trying to do the will of God.

We want to thank each of you for the wonderful way you have greeted us and accepted us in this role. Your grace extended to us is greatly appreciated.

I feel my job is to preach the Gospel, assist in bringing unity to the church, and helping to reach out in the community and bringing people into the church.

We covenant your prayers especially in the above goals. Thank you and God bless each of you.

~ Bob Willis, *Pastor*



CORRIE BETH'S CORNER

2010 is already here and the Children's Ministry Team is excited for a new year filled with exciting ministry opportunities. I would like to express a great deal of gratitude to our CMT members, especially those who have completed their “term” on the CMT: Doug Smith and Jerry Cole. I would also like to welcome to the CMT, Stacey Purcell and Belinda Arrington. Thanks also goes out to Robby and Gabi Mitchell who have served as co-chairs for the past few years. This upcoming year, Andi Brown and Amy Kilgore have agreed to begin their tenure as co-chairs. The many wonderful activities, studies, and events for our children would not be possible if not for the dedication and service of our fantastic CMT members. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Jubilee Junction will resume January 20 with a study on “The Bible.” During this study children will learn about the writing of the books of the Bible and its origins. We are so excited about this study and we feel our adult volunteers may learn just as much, if not more! Please come volunteer. Jubilee Junction is a great opportunity to get to know some amazing children and families. We need your help to make it a success!

Sign-ups continue for Children's Church! Volunteers are needed for both services, and we hope you will consider helping. Children's Church helps our younger ones to participate in a more relaxed worship service. During Children's Church, we also teach the children about different customs and traditions within our church. Again, it's a great opportunity to “brush up” on some of your Bible facts and knowledge.

Thank you again for such a great year, and thank you for helping to make my first full year as children's director so wonderful!

~ Corrie Beth Noll
Director of Children's Ministries

TIM'S "SHOUT-OUT"

The youth had a blast with the Progressive Dinner (December 20). We had a total of 39 people (34 youth and 5 adults) who went on this event. I want to thank everyone who helped make this dinner a success. I want to thank Mr. Bill and Mrs. Pam Parrish for having the appetizers, Mrs. Becky Thrower and for having the main course, and Mr. Mark and Mrs. Donna Cain for the deserts. I want to thank our drivers Julie Cohen, Roger Dubrulle, Barb Hildebrandt and Jerry Cole. If you would like to host next year's Progressive Dinner, let me know!

Come New Years Day it is only 5 months till the Horse Show! Watch the church bulletin and e-mails for ways that you can be involved with this year's horse show. If you already know you want to be a part of the 46th annual Horse show let Tim know by giving him a call at 770-267-6525 or e-mailing him at tim.hildebrandt@fumcmonroe.org.

~ Tim Hildebrandt
Youth Director

THANK YOU

Dear Church Members,

We want you to know how much we appreciated the concern and caring that was expressed by each of you with Lilah's sudden death. It meant a great deal to us during that time to know that we were in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for your many kindnesses. It is good to know that she was a member of a church that expresses Christian love in so many ways. May God bless each of you.

~The Family of Lilah Janis
Billy & Theresa Nicholson
Mindy & Arlen Lewis
Will & Cam Lewis

WNS&P

WNS&P will resume Wednesday, January 20, 2010!
Keep an eye on your weekly bulletins to learn about the programs coming up and for the menu!

Coming February 2010...

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First United Methodist Church



**JANUARY 2010
LAY SPEAKING COURSES**
January 30, and February 6, 13, 20
9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Hartwell First UMC, 200 E. Howell St. Hartwell 30643

Basic Course for Lay Speaking Ministry -

Instructor: The Rev. Eric Powell

Youth - Basic Course for Lay Speaking Ministry -

Instructor: The Rev. Kathleen Deegan-Neal

Lay Speakers Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage -

Instructor: Joe Whitemore

Lay Speakers Lead in Mission Outreach -

Instructor: Joann Smith

REGISTRATION FORM WITH CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 16, 2010

Go to <http://athenselberton.org/layspeaking> or contact

Greg Gray
greggray_99@yahoo.com
706-254-4026

REGISTRATION FORM JANUARY 2010 LAY SPEAKING COURSES

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
E-MAIL _____
HOME CHURCH _____

PLEASE CHECK THE COURSE THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE. WE WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM NUMBER SIGNING UP IN ORDER TO HOLD THE COURSE. LIKewise, WE WILL ALSO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN EACH COURSE. IF EITHER OF THESE SITUATIONS COMES UP, WE WILL CONTACT YOU TO DISCUSS ALTERNATIVES.

- Basic Course for Lay Speaking Ministry
 Youth-Basic Course for Lay Speaking Ministry
 Lay Speakers Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage
 Lay Speakers Lead in Mission Outreach

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 16, 2010 (WITH PAYMENT)

Please make check for \$40.00 payable to
ATHENS-ELBERTON DISTRICT and mail check with
this form to:

Greg Gray
155 International Drive, #307
Athens, GA 30605

CELEBRATIONS

[Please let the Church Office know if your birthday or anniversary is omitted from the monthly celebrations.]

Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries in January:

- 10 Joe & Belinda Pinnow
 29 Patrick & Vanessa McCartney
 31 Mike & Samantha Newsom
 31 Blake & Ann Marie Watts

Celebrating Birthdays in January:

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| 2 Pat Patterson | 3 Jean Linder |
| 4 Joey Gross | 6 David Gilreath |
| 9 Joe Chapman | 9 Susan Largin |
| 10 Larry Aull | 11 Al Jeffrey |
| 11 Adam Henderson | 12 Leota White |
| 12 Jim Campbell | 14 Jayne Howard |
| 14 Laura Gross | 14 Claudia Bates |
| 15 Sydney Galloway | 16 Margaret Allen |
| 16 Lee Preston | 16 Ashley Knotts |
| 17 Mark Cain | 18 James Halgat |
| 21 Dick Hoffman | 21 Bryan Young |
| 22 Max Chandler | 23 Michele Short |
| 23 Luke Edwards | 23 Henry Soules |
| 24 Jeanne Romans | 24 John Shannahan |
| 25 Pocket Patterson | 25 Albert Miller |
| 26 Evan Newsom | 26 Brandon Harper |
| 26 Chase Fuller | 27 Ryan McCartney |
| 28 Ann Doster | 28 Ken Kilgore |
| 29 Mackenzie Brown | 29 John Guy |
| 31 Amy Preston | 31 Daniel Sasser |
| 31 Ashley Short | |

THOSE SERVING IN DECEMBER

Jan 3rd ~ Epiphany Sunday; Holy Communion

Altar: Elizabeth Towler
 Greeters: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Ushers: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Methodist Muggers: John & Jo Thompson;
 Don & Mary Jane Bumgardner

Jan 10th ~ 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar: Ann Doster
 Greeters: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Ushers: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Methodist Muggers: Don & Carol Aenchbacher;
 Don & Mary Jane Bumgardner; Knox & Jane Bell

Jan 17th ~ 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar: Karen Riser
 Greeters: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Ushers: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Methodist Muggers: Roger & Roxanna Dubrulle;
 Jean Sieber

Jan 24th ~ 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar: Susan Nelson
 Greeters: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Ushers: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Methodist Muggers: Don & Mary Jane Bumgardner

Jan 31st ~ 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Altar: Jean Sieber
 Greeters: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Ushers: To Be Announced(8:45); To Be Announced(11:00)
 Methodist Muggers: All Available

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Our Church Family: Our Church; Rev. Bob and Phoebe Willis; Hilda Aycock; Marian Baccus; Alicia Bailey; Nancy Boyce; Bobbie Briscoe; Rachel Briscoe; Helen Butler; Cheryl Clegg; Louise Day; Gabrielle Dryden; Pat Flack; Kim Fuller; Jane Garrett; Doug Geiger; Lorena Gray; Dorothy Hilliard; Al & Immogene Jeffrey; Phil Knight; Judy Krieger and family; Arlen & Mindy Lewis and family; Bettie Luenzmann; Bernice Malcom; Ernest & Mary Malcom; Jayne Malcom; Robert Michael; Kelly R. Mills; our missionary family, the Phillips; Jody Price; Ginny Queen; Charlotte Reeves; Charles Ritter and family; Jeanne Romans; Deanna Rowe; Harold Sisk; Barbara Smith; Susan Smith; Doris Smoker; Rob & Carol Soules; Jim & Barbara Starbuck; Velma Taylor; Mary Terrell; Kathryn Thomas; Thelma Towler; Margaret Verner; Henry & Linda Wall and family; Rudolph & Nina Whitley; Inez Wilson; Dawn Young and family

Extended Family & Friends: Betty Allman; Melissa Anckersen; Fred Baumgartner; Amy Blanton & family; James Blue; Terri Bridge; Ronald Brown & family; Brent Cunningham; Mary Cunningham; Ralph Durham; Ron & Millie Fowler and family; Diane Grogan; Christina Hitson and family; Darnell Hubbard; Doug Jackson; Jeff Jackson; Joseph James; TJ Johnson; Donna Leonard; Jordan Lindsey; Mary Makris; Calvin Mewha; Lori Dennany-Miller; Wade Millians; Belle Mitchell; Mary Ann Nash; Susan Northcutt; Deloris Odum; Nona Purser; Lisa Rhines; Bill Rhodes; Kenney Sapp; Chuck Simpson; Ruth Bane Sineath; Chelsea Smith; Marie & Gerald Smith; Dee Trivisonno; Rev. Steve Turner; Danny Walden and family; Aubrey Watson

Service Men & Women: Lance Cpl. John Beaver, USMC; Spc. Ben Born; Brandon Bryan; Sgt. Edwin Caba; 2nd Class Petty Officer Kenneth W. Edwards, Jr., US Navy; Spc. Michael Herman; Jeff Jackson; Christopher Kinsey; Eddie Laturell; Lt. Michael Launius; Corporal Devin Lowe, USMC; John Poulnot; Lance Corporal Timothy Rainey; Spc. Spencer Sanders; Capt. Charles Wall, CW4 Mark Stumpf.

In Christian Sympathy: Our sincerest Christian sympathy to Judy Krieger & family upon the death of her husband, John Krieger Nov. 30; to Mindy and Arlen Lewis & family upon the death of Lilah Janis, Dec. 15; to Henry & Linda Wall and family upon the death of Linda's father, Frank Bankson, Dec. 16; to Jack & Susan Smith and family upon the death of Jack's mother on Christmas Day.

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Staff

Rev. Bob Willis, *Minister*

Corrie Beth Noll, *Children's Minister*; Tim Hildebrandt, *Youth Minister*

Rev. Joe Buffaloe, Ret., *Chancel Choir Director* Janet Clark, *Organist*

Joe Johnson, *8:45 Worship Leader*

Michele Short, *Lead Nursery Coordinator*

Andi Brown, *Administrative Assistant*

Lisa Peters, *Financial Assistant*

Marion Fallin, *Preschool Director*

Barbara Pilcher & Jessie Johnson, *Custodians*



January 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Epiphany Sunday Holy Communion Love Feast	4 Prayer Group (PR) 9:30a	5 UMW 10:00a; 1:30p; 7:00p Cub Dens (AC) 6-8:00p NA (AC) 8:00p	6 Men's Prayer Grp 6:00a	7 Quilting Guild (SR) 9:00a Cub Den (UR) 6-8:00p Cub Den 7 (AC) 7:00p	8	9
10 1 st Sunday after the Epiphany	11 Prayer Group (PR) 9:30a	12 Staff Mtg 10:00a Cub Dens (AC) 6-8:00p Children's Council (UR) 6:30p Finance Cmte (78) 7:00p NA (AC) 8:00p	13 Men's Prayer Grp 6:00a	14 Quilting Guild (SR) 9:00a Cub Den (UR) 6-8:00p Cub Den 7 (AC) 7:00p	15	16
17 2 nd Sunday after the Epiphany	18 Prayer Group (PR) 9:30a	19 Staff Mtg 10:00a Cub Dens (AC) 6-8:00p NA (AC) 8:00p	20 Men's Prayer Grp 6:00a	21 Quilting Guild (SR) 9:00a Cub Den (UR) 6-8:00p Cub Den 7 (AC) 7:00p Trustee's (P) 7:00p	22	23
24 3 rd Sunday after the Epiphany	25 Prayer Group (PR) 9:30a Worship Cmt Mtg 6:00 (PO) Admin Council 6:30 prayer (S) Church Council Mtg 7:00 (C)	26 Staff Mtg 10:00a Cub Dens (AC) 6-8:00p NA (AC) 8:00p	27 Men's Prayer Grp 6:00a	28 Quilting Guild (SR) 9:00a Cub Den (UR) 6-8:00p Cub Den 7 (AC) 7:00p	29	30
31 4 th Sunday after the Epiphany	Location Legend: (AC) – Adult Center; (YH) – Youth House; (UR) – Upper Room; (FH) – Fellowship Hall; (78) – Highway 78 Classroom; (S) – Sanctuary; (C) – Chapel; (P) – Parlor (PR) – Prayer Room; (SR) – Sewing Room; (PO) – Pastor's Office					