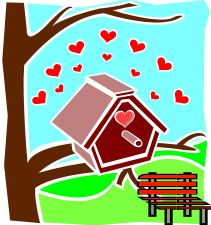


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From the Park Bench



Dear Friends,

The season of Lent is fast approaching.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is February 22. On this day we will have two services at the church, one at 10:00 a.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m. According to our United Methodist Book of Worship, Lent "began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians." The first Sunday in Lent always deals with the temptation of Jesus by Satan. The sixth Sunday in Lent describes Christ's entry into Jerusalem. Lent is the season when we are preparing ourselves for the

celebration of Easter and the resurrection of Christ. It is not a time for business as usual.

Beginning on February 29, at our Wednesday morning Bible Study, we will use Adam Hamilton's *24 Hours That Changed the World* to guide us through the last day of Jesus' life. We used this study in 2010 in our Adult Sunday School Classes and found it very helpful. If you have not been attending our mid-week Bible Study, this would be a good time to begin. We always spend time exploring the scriptures and discussing what the text means for us today. Do you know the Bible as well as you should? Particularly those parts of the Bible that deal with the crucifixion and the

events leading up to it? If you can't be a part of our Wednesday Bible Study on a regular basis, perhaps you could join us during Lent.

I will also be looking for a time to load up our church van and head to Calvary Episcopal Church to participate in their Lenten Noonday Preaching Series. We usually eat at their Waffle Shop and then head to their beautiful sanctuary to hear some excellent preaching. I'm not sure we can do this on Wednesday, but I'll try to find a time that works best for all who are interested.

God's peace be with all of us.

Don



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Pack well

During Lent, as we focus on Christ's journey to the cross, let's also examine the journey of our lives. The first task when leaving on any adventure is packing. What have you placed in your bag? Are you weighed down with temptations, self-doubt, money worries, relationship troubles? Have you overlooked any important items? Maybe your bag feels too empty for the challenges ahead. Remember to pack mercy, grace and forgiveness.

Thanks to Easter, we know that our journey in Christ continues, even when the road becomes difficult. So as you prepare for Lent, carry with you the hope made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on our behalf.

~Based on the "Journey to Hope" sermon series, www.rethinkchurch.org/lent



Communion Offering

Our communion offering this month will go towards paying our apportionments.

FAITH AND FITNESS



For ages 15 years and up

YOGA/PILATES CLASS

Tuesday & Thursday evenings

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

You will need your own mat

Beginning in February, our Yoga and Pilates classes will be blended into a two day per week class. On Tuesdays we will have Yoga with some Pilates mixed in and on Thursdays we will have Pilates with a little bit of Yoga. Statistics have shown that you receive a greater benefit when you work out at least two days a week. Our new fee for the class is \$32.00 per month for two classes per week. If you are interested in joining the class - please contact the church office.

Child care is not available.



Walk In Faith Class



Classes are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Wear comfortable clothing and good walking sneakers. **Bring a friend!**

NO CHARGE FOR WALK CLASS



Are you using your Kroger card for your groceries, gas, prescriptions, and floral? Don't have one? Cards can be purchased from the Church Office and on the second Sunday of each month from Becky Leatherwood.



Thank you
January
Prayer Warriors

Sue Tutt

Carolyn Copeland

Betty Walton

Joann Shackelford

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CUB SCOUT PACK 37 FROM COLLIERVILLE, TN, earned the honor of presenting the flags for the United States, the state of Tennessee, and their unit in the opening ceremony of the Memphis Grizzlies game against the Houston Rockets on December 30th. Cub scouts learn valuable life lessons through participation in a wide variety of activities. Demonstrating respect for our flags and showing courage to stand in front of a crowd of 15,000 fans are part of the fun Pack 37 is having this year. Meeting their favorite basketball players and other celebrities like the Grizz Girls was a highlight for these scouts.



Flag-bearers were Israel Del Rosario, Jacob Hoang, and AJ Smith. The color guard consisted of Elliot Ragland, Jonathan Robinson, Jordan Robinson, Maddox Thompson, Colin Gulati, and Noah Harper. Cubmaster Rob Ragland and Webelos Den Leader Aubrey Smith were proud to be with the boys during this exciting adventure. "We practiced on our church basketball court at Cross-Roads United Methodist Church, but the FedEx Forum was much

bigger than any of us imagined! The scouts were very brave and did a great job," said Aubrey. Rob added, "This kind of opportunity is something I could only dream of as a child. To be able to provide this opportunity for our sons is the most rewarding part of being a volunteer in cub scouting. They'll look back on this night proudly, knowing they fulfilled the Cub Scout motto - Do Your Best!"

A note of thanks from our District Superintendent, Dr. Cynthia Davis following Lay Leadership Training held at CrossRoads.

 **McKendree District**
of The United Methodist Church

Thank you to the members of CrossRoads and the United Methodist Women who prepared refreshments for The McKendree District Lay Leadership Training on January 22nd.

Your gracious hospitality was greatly appreciated.

Cynthia



Refocus for Lent - focus on gratitude, think kind thoughts, trust God to provide, be full of hope, turn to forgiveness, return good for evil, be more patient and control your tongue.

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USAGE OF CHURCH FACILITIES



We have a lot of activities taking place throughout the church building during the week both daytime and evening. Before you schedule an event - please contact the church office to make sure the space you want to use is available.

Triune Circle bids farewell to Sara Garver

The Triune Circle held their January meeting a week early so they could enjoy one last meeting in the company of Sara Garver who has relocated to Alabama following the death of her husband, Claude. The ladies held their monthly meeting then enjoyed fellowship time with lots of food, picture taking and a beautiful (and delicious) cake.

Sara will be missed greatly by her UMW Circle and many members of CrossRoads Church but we wish her all the best as she settles in her new home.



Sara Garver (seated center) surrounded by Triune Circle members.

**OUTREACH MINISTRY
QUILT OF VALOR AT CROSSROADS**

Many of you, who were at the Veteran's Day Brunch, will recall that I was very much honored and surprised when one of these quilts was presented to me.

My cousin, Sue Selby Moats, is a member of this organization and it was her way of thanking me for my years of service. At that time, she also asked if there was a chance that people here at Crossroads might be interested in starting a chapter here.

Sue's immediate goal is to make, for presentation next year, a quilt for all of Crossroad's veterans. She also made a quilt that Bro. Don and I were able to present to Claude Garver, while he was in Methodist Hospital, Germantown.

I told Sue that I would be very glad to ask if there are any sewers that would be interested in sewing the panels here at the church. If you are at all interested please **contact me at 901-414-0178 or call Debbie in the church office**. If we have enough people who are interested, Sue has agreed to come here and do a short seminar to teach those interested how the quilt blocks are assembled.

For those who have never seen these quilts, the photos are of the quilt I received and one that was recently presented to a wounded Marine, by my cousin, Sue.

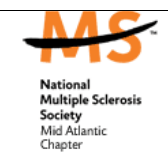
Our hope is that we get enough interest to start a chapter here in the Memphis area.

Thank you in advance ~ Jim Wenink



SAVE THE DATE - MS WALK - COLLIERVILLE

Date: March 31, 2012
Location/Time: H.W. Cox, Jr. Park/ Registration: 9:00 am Walk: 10:30 am



Your participation means we will be working to support programs, services, and research sponsored by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and that makes a huge difference to the people who must fight MS every day of their lives. More information to follow.



- 2/1 Billie Morris
- 2/4 Herb Hilburn
- 2/5 LaVonne Finley
- 2/7 Mollie Moore
- 2/8 John Dannelley
Dale Rast
- 2/13 Austin Ellis
- 2/14 Bill Erneste
David Essary
- 2/16 James Gay IV
- 2/19 Pam Caraway
Maxine Lewis
- 2/21 Joyce Ritter
- 2/25 Edna Dalrymple
Louise Downing
- 2/28 Becky Mahaffy



Please put your prayer requests and praise information on the cards provided in the pew. You may also contact the church office by phone or send email to Sara Eubanks at seubank1@comcast.net

Calling All Seniors

You are cordially invited to a luncheon in your honor on February 12th at 11:30 am in the gym. Please come and join your friends for a wonderful lunch and entertainment.

This event is being hosted by the Hospitality Committee and the cost is \$6.00 per person

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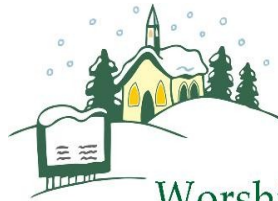
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Our Vision:

To be a Christ-Centered, Spirit-Filled,
Accepting Family of Believers,
Inspired by God's Presence,
Committed to Mission and Ministry,
Supported by Prayer.



Worship
Schedule

10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE

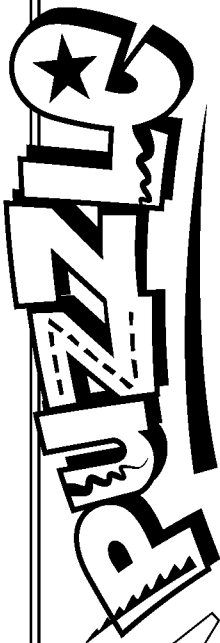
8:45 - 10:15 Fellowship/Donut Time

9:00 - 9:50 Sunday School - All Classes

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD!'" (Psalm 122 verse 1, NRSV).

Attendance

<u>Date</u>	<u>10:15</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
Dec. 25, 2011	61	N/A
Jan. 1, 2012	109	67
Jan. 8, 2012	115	79
Jan. 15, 2012	127	75
Jan. 22, 2012	114	73



FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV

Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV