

# THE UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER



## Sycamore United Methodist Church

### *Pastor's Pen*

#### BLACK HISTORY! IT'S CONNECTIONS AND TEACHINGS

February is Black History Month but oftentimes we are unaware of the many contributions made by people of color. As we prepare to celebrate this proud moment I want to share with you the many contributions and activities we have been involved with. African-Americans have long played a part in helping the American Red Cross maintain a stable and diverse blood supply for patients across the United States. In 1941, Dr. Charles Drew, an African-American blood specialist, surgeon, educator and scientist, became the medical director of the first American Red Cross blood bank. His pioneering work in blood collection and transfusion laid the foundation for modern blood banking. As we celebrate Black History, I want to take time out to encourage all our members, friends and neighbors to help the Red Cross by making an appointment to donate blood on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. After all this is primarily a volunteering and giving for individuals as well as the community. I ask that you give this serious consideration. All of your efforts will help the American Red Cross continue to be the single largest supplier to those in need, no matter where the need may arise.

The month of February is not limited to the celebrating of Black History, here at SUMC; we also show our support for Scouting. This year our recognition of Boy Scouting is Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. As I mentioned earlier African Americans have been a part and/or contributed to many of the things that are important to us. For example, as far back as 1927, Frank "Tick" Coleman became one of the first African Americans to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank achievement. This led the way for thousands of other African American youth. Mr. Coleman joined a Scout troop through his local Episcopal Church in his neighborhood. The Boys Scouts of America (BSA) has long been a celebrant of diversity, providing youth and character development programs for children across ethnic, income, and religious boundaries. The BSA chartered its first African American scout troop in 1911 in Elizabeth City, North Carolina. As with Scouts today, Coleman benefited greatly from the support of his parents, his church and his scoutmaster.

As we share this time together with these two great organizations, let us lend our support to all of these events not only with our presence but with knowledge, so that by honoring the past we can become writers of our future as we support and serve others. Black History begins for us on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> with the Rev. Bernice Hendreson, Rev. Carrie Coleman and the Nubian Dance Troupe. On Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> our guest will be Rev. Rufus Stephens, then on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Ventra Asana and Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Pamela Lightsey and the Heirs of Joy.

Like the Red Cross and the Boy's Scouts of America, the men and women who will share the gospel and sing God's praises will provide lifesaving skills and value-base leadership as they serve as a connection to a rich past and to an incredible future. Let's learn more about our history and celebrate Black History Month.

-Pastor Harlene Harden-

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Saturday Celebration  
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship  
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School  
10:15 a.m.

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### February 2011 Worship Schedule

February is Black History Month. We have wonderful guests and thought provoking services planned. We hope to see you here!

February 5- Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Berneice Hendreson  
Psalmist: Rev. Carrie Coleman  
Special Guests: Nubian Dancers

February 6- Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Rufus D. Stephens

February 12- Saturday Celebration at 5:00 PM  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Ventra Asana

February 13- Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Pamela R. Lightsey

February 19- Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM and  
February 20- Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM  
Scripture: Deuteronomy 30: 15-20  
Sermon: Hard Choices  
Pastor Bill Landis

February 26- Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM and  
February 27- Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM  
Scripture: Isaiah 49: 8-16a and Matthew 6: 24-34  
Sermon: Embracing Differences  
Pastor Harlene Harden

#### Baptisms:

To schedule a baptism, please call the church office at least 2 months in advance. Baptisms may be scheduled at either the 8:30 or 10:00 a.m. service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

#### Holy Communion:

Holy Communion is observed the first Sunday, and the second Saturday, of each month. If you are homebound and would like to partake of Holy Communion each month, please contact the Church office.



### *In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

Sharon Wilson	Mary McCue
Karen Blaser	Leroy Greathouse
David Howe	Dan Todd
Carole Poppen	Dean Curtis
Dick & June Wagley	Brad Carey
Jim Lyon	



### **Pray for our Military Men & Women**

PVT Tom Fleenor	*PVT2 Nels Lindgren
*LT Robert Ortman	MSgt. Bianna Yeager
SPC Scott Maratto	*SPC Timothy Stewart
LCPL Brett Gulke	SPC Christopher Isabel
Derrick R. Wells	SGT Shaune Clark
SGT. Neil Smith	SPC Mitchell Stewart
Cpt. Garrett Slack	LCPL Matthew Einhorn
LCPL Kyle Keneway	PFC John Harris
David Whitehead	CPT John C. Whitehead
SGT Dustin Bell	COL Ed Rosado, Jr
PV2 Jennifer Link	Jason Abitua
Eathon Larson	*SGT Andrew Sheehan
SPC. Matthew "Scott" Stewart	
*indicates deployed personnel	

## Last Call For UMCOR Sager Brown

February 10th meeting, 6:30 in the Conference Room, informational packets containing maps, itinerary and other important information for the trip March 12th will be handed out. If trip members cannot attend, please contact Midge at 815-784-5216 so we can

get the info to you. This is an important meeting for you so please try to be there.

We have room for 5 more on the mission team, so now is your chance to work with others and make friends, meet some wonderful natives, try out crawdads

and sweet tater pancakes with sorghum syrup, share in devotions with each other and come back renewed in soul and spirit. That's why we keep going back there each year for more! So please call Midge right away to get signed up!



2010 UMCOR Mission Trip

## UMCOR Sewing Kit Drive

Our UMCOR Team announces Sewing Kit Drive for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). A big thank you to all of you who donated items for the Cleaning Bucket drive, now over. All items donated to date will be delivered to Sager Brown Depot in Baldwin, LA by our Mission Team when they go in March.

Items needed for the kit are:

- 3 yards of cotton or cotton-blend, solid color or print fabric (must be 3 yds. of uncut fabric)
- 1 pair sewing scissors
- 1 package of needles
- 1 spool of thread
- 5-8 matching buttons

Please wrap sewing items in the fabric and place in a sealed 1-gallon plastic bag.

All items for kit must be new, and because of strict international rules, kits must contain only the requested items--nothing more. Do NOT include personal notes, money or additional materials. (They will be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.)

The red can is for money donations if you wish to help with shipping. (\$1 per kit)

Thank you, everyone, for all the donations you make! These kits will be given out to people in need worldwide, and will be helped in doing their own mending and sewing. In some cases, a person may be able to earn money sewing for others, because of the kit you sent!

Your UMCOR Mission Team

## Leading Ladies

Leading Ladies is a group for women in their 40's, 50's, and 60's. We gather to support one another and spend time with other Christians. We all seem to have hectic, demanding lives and look

forward to our time spent together. If you would like to join us, be placed on our email list, or have any other questions, call Cheryl Callaghan at 815 748-5714

Feb. 15 Huggermugger Night 7 PM - hostess Lorrie Wildenradt  
Mar. 15 7 PM - hostess Patti Anderson  
Apr. 19 7 PM - hostess Peggy Terry



### Red Cross Blood Drive

Giving blood - \$0  
Saving a life - priceless  
Be a blood donor on  
February 12th



### Prayer Chain Ministry Needs You!

Would you be interested in serving with an important ministry of our church, either by phone or e-mail? The prayer chain ministry is now under the organization of the Caring Ministry and is always in need of additional members. If

you would like to join or obtain information to help in making your decision, please call Carolyn Watson at (815) 895-0209 or Barbara Parsons at (815) 899-5017.

Prayer is a sustaining element in our daily lives, and praying puts God's

dynamic power to work as it energizes our faith. It would be helpful if you have an answering machine or voicemail.)

*"The effective prayer of a righteous person can accomplish much."*

James 5: 16

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Change a life, starting with your own. Donate blood on February 12th



### Red Cross Blood Drive

What can you do in less than an hour?

- Watch a TV sitcom
- Play computer solitaire
- **SAVE 3 LIVES**

Use your time wisely - give blood on **February 12th from 9AM-2PM**

On February 12th, our church will participate in a Red Cross blood drive.

Reserve your appointment time to fit into your schedule.

Beginning Jan. 16th we will have a table, in the Con-

course, to sign up blood donors. You can also call Cheryl Callighan 815 748-5714, call the church office 815-895-9113, or reserve your spot by following the link on our church's website: [www.sycamoreumc.org](http://www.sycamoreumc.org)

### Your Invitation

### "Finding Peace"

"Finding Peace" is the United Methodist Women's theme for 2011. Sometimes this isn't as easy as it sounds. Maybe it's more than a quiet walk or a few hours away

from your regular routine. The Mary Circle invites all women of our church and community to hear Pastor Harlene Harden's view of this search. Join us

at 9:00 on Feb. 8 for light refreshments in the con-course followed by her presentation in the sanctuary. What you find may surprise you!

### Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for helping me celebrate the life of my husband, Donald Hedman with your cards, kind words, and prayers. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, Pastor Bill, for creating a beautiful memorial service. One of the highlights of Donald's Christian walk was our trip with you and the UMCOR team to Sager Brown. And to Craig Fritz my appreciation for graciously providing your talent on a very busy Cantata weekend. And finally to my daughter, Karen Weckerly, and her student Caitlin Sherman whose beautiful violin duet performed so lovingly, I want to say thank you. I am so blessed having all of you in my life.

Sincerely,  
Debbly Saalfeld



## Military Ministry News

As the Military Ministry Team begins another year of ministry to the soldiers who are serving our country, we will continue to focus on keeping them in our prayers, as well as communicating with them through emails, cards/ letters and packages. Valentine and Easter cards

will be mailed to each of those that we have current addresses. Presently, we have several who are being deployed again. Please watch for asterisks by their name and continue to keep them in your prayers.

The Ministry Team did not meet in January, but will meet at 6:30p.m.

Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>  
Anyone interested in joining this ministry is encouraged to attend.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

*“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love...”*

Thessalonians 1: 3

On these cold and showy wintery days, it is a good feeling to be snug and warm indoors. Also, it’s a great time to work with soft yarn and create Prayer Shawls in a variety

of colors and patterns. We, the knitters and crocheters, feel truly blessed to be able to share our talents in this ministry of sharing God’s love and comfort with others.

Coming May 2nd—our 5th Year Anniversary Celebration Luncheon

### January Meeting Dates

Monday, February 7 @ 9:30 a.m.

Monday, February 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

### Questions? Call:

Phyllis Anderson  
(815) 899-9957

Jeanne Johnson  
(815) 895-5594

*“Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love...”*

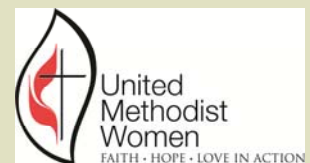
Thessalonians 1: 3

## UMW News

Our Sycamore UMW has four unit meetings a year where all the circles gather for a time of learning and fellowship. As we strive to meet the needs of as many women as possible we have decided to have two meetings in the afternoon and two in the evening. Thurs-

day, March 3, will be an afternoon gathering at 1:00. Barbara Samulowitz, president of the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Court Watch, will speak to us about women and children of domestic violence. This is an key topic of missions in UMW. The Rachel

Circle will serve coffee and dessert. Come! Plan on learning something new. Perhaps this will be the mission opportunity you've been looking for.



# February

8:30 AM Sunday Worship 8:45 AM Adult Sunday School 8:30 AM Biblical Devotion 10:00 AM Sunday Worship 10:00 AM Children's Sunday School 11:00 AM Biblical Devotion	9:15 AM Moms-In-Christ 9:30 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM Sycamore Food Pantry 4:00 PM Children's Christian Conditioning	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 9:00 AM Craft Group 9:10 AM ABC Chapel (1st & 3rd) 11:30 AM Clergy Staff Meeting 1:10 PM ABC Chapel (1st & 3rd) 6:30 PM Spiritwind/Jam Session 7:00 PM Confronting the Controversies	6:30 AM Man Code 9:10 AM ABC Chapel (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM AARP Tax Help 4:00 PM Children's Christian Conditioning 4:30 PM Sonshine Ringers Rehearsal 5:30 PM With Joy! Dinner 6:00 PM Confirmation Class of 2012 6:15 PM Children's Choirs 7:00 PM Adult Choir 7:15 PM Confirmation	9:00 AM Christian Conditioning 10:45 AM Worship Staff (1st & 3rd) 12:00 PM Church Staff Meeting (1st & 3rd) 6:30 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM Adult Handbells		7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (2nd & 4th) 4:15 PM Saturday Seek 5:00 PM Saturday Worship Service
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 10:30 AM Discipleship/Evangelism 11:00 AM Leadership Meeting 4:30 PM UMM Pancake Breakfast	4	5 8:00 AM Laity Convocation
6	7 6:00 PM Budget Boosters 6:00 PM Finance Committee 7:00 PM Church Council	8 9:30 AM Mary Circle 6:00 PM Staff Parish Committee	9 9:30 AM Esther Circle 2:00 PM Northern Illinois Food Bank Meeting 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee 6:15 PM Adult Ministries	10 6:30 PM UMCOR Trip Orientation	11	12 7:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive
13 11:30 AM Family, Food and Fun 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	14	15 7:00 PM Leading Ladies	16 1:15 PM History & Archives	17 10:00 AM UMW Spring Banquet Committee 6:30 PM Military Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees	18	19
20	21 7:00 PM Ruth Circle	22 1:00 PM UMW Missions Team 6:00 PM Evangelism Committee 6:30 PM Worship Committee	23	24	25	26
27 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	28 6:30 PM Discipleship Committee					

**Open/Lock Team**

- 2/6 Marv Wildenradt
- 2/13 Rich Kaler
- 2/20 Gil Larimer
- 2/27 Marv Wildenradt



**Ushers**

8:30 a.m. Service

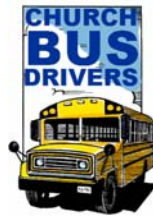
- Jim Gregg,
- Clay Kloster,
- Charla Antrobus,
- Jean Gilmer,
- Becky Brown,
- Bob Brown,
- Cliff McConnell

10:00 a.m. Service

- Larry Thomas,
- John Toles,
- Rodney McQueen,
- Joe Murr,
- Brad Shortridge,
- Eric Menzer,
- Gene Miller

**Church Bus**

- 2/6 Marty Roush
- 2/13 Dave & Nancy Leifheit
- 2/20 Kara Morris
- 2/27 John & Linda Toles



**Sunday Greeters**

- 2/6 Ashley Compton, Lizzie Compton, Marlin & Phyllis Anderson, Georgina Yeager
- 2/13 Dean & Sue Curtis, Eric Menzer
- 2/20 Jasmine Stipher, Sally Scott, Charlie & Betty Primm
- 2/27 Camilla Metcalf, Ann Elder, Marty Roush, Tim Tucci



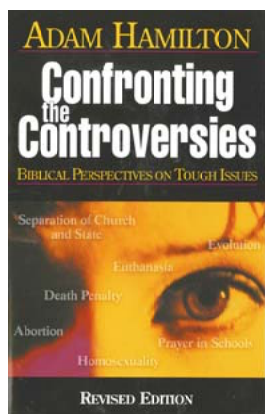
**Saturday Greeters**

- 2/5 Nancy Davis, Brent Anderson
- 2/12 Dean & Sue Curtis
- 2/19 George & Kathy Brancato and Family
- 2/26 Marty Roush, Berni Schelkopf



The deadline to submit articles for the February newsletter is  
Saturday, February 19.

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to: [office@sycamoreumc.org](mailto:office@sycamoreumc.org)  
 to make sure your submissions are received.



## Christian Ministries

Dear SUMC Family,

Hopefully 2011 is off to a good start for you! I hope you took the opportunity and attended one of the January retreats. If you did, please keep the fire burning and find ways to grow in God's spirit and love. There are many opportunities to do that at SUMC; participate in a Bible study, volunteer in the food pantry, eat pancakes and support the UMM on Feb. 3, give blood on Feb. 12, the list goes on but the point is do something to strengthen your spiritual life.

Monday evenings, I am leading Adam Hamilton's "Confronting the Controversies" Biblical perspectives on tough issues. If you do not think you can commit to each Monday night, come to the ones that interest you or the Mondays you have free. The topic on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> is the death penalty. We will talk about Euthanasia on Feb. 14. Prayer in the public schools is the topic on Feb. 21. We finish the month on Feb. 28 talking about abortion. There is one more class before lent on March 7<sup>th</sup> where we will discuss the Biblical perspective of homosexuality. Each week we will watch a 15 minute video of Pastor Adam Hamilton's sermon based on the topic of the day. We will then discuss the sermon. The class meets in the lounge from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

On a lighter note, February 13<sup>th</sup> is the next Family, Food and Fun Day. Join us on the second Sunday of each month. It is a perfect opportunity for SUMC families to get together and know each other better. We will meet at 16450 Shearon Road at the Sgarlata house between noon and 12:30. We will have pizza. Bring a side dish to share. We will have a Valentine's theme on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us for the valentine balloon relay!

Are you following through with your 2011 resolution to get fit? Don't forget we have classes for adults on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 to 10:00. Moreover, we have classes for children from 4:00 to 5:00 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Come whenever you can! We'd love to see you! In Christ's love,

*Julie Sgarlata*

*Director of Christian Education*



## ABC Preschool Ministry News

ABC Preschool is now registering for the fall 2011/2012 school year! We have many opportunities for new and exciting classes for next year. We will also be offering SUMC members monthly discounts. If you or someone you know is looking for a quality early childhood education for their child, have them call to schedule a tour!

Please note that we are still collecting Campbell's labels for our Labels for Education Program. The Campbell's Company has a wonderful program that allows us to clip and turn in labels from their products and redeem them for points to spend in their education catalog. Please cut out the UPC code on the acceptable products and drop them off in the ABC Preschool mailbox located at the south end of the Concourse. See the table by the bulletin board for more information.

ABC recycles! Give us your trash for us to make into treasures! We are collecting packing peanuts and stickers during the month of February. There are boxes under the coat areas down by the Preschool hallway for you to drop them into.

We thank Sycamore United Methodist Church for all your support of ABC Preschool. We look forward to working together on many projects during the year.

Blessings,

The ABC Preschool Staff



### Red Cross Blood Drive

The need is constant;  
the gratification is instant.

Give blood,  
you'll get a great feeling  
on February 12th

## Music Matters

As we enter into Black History month, I hope you enjoy the various guest artists Pastor Harlene is bringing in, as well as our own groups highlighting this rich musical heritage of spirituals and more.

There was an interesting article in the Tribune about the power of music. It said, in part, “Philosophers for millenniums have marveled at the power of music to speak to our souls, to inspire joy, melancholy, aggression or calm with visceral insight beyond the grasp of our rational minds. Thanks to advances in neuroscience, researchers are beginning to understand what it is about music that touches us so deeply, and how to harness that power to soothe, uplift, comfort and heal—to use music as medicine for emotional and physical health.”

Susan Mandel, a music therapist and research consultant at Lake Health Wellness Institute in Cleveland, released a book this month titled “MANAGE YOUR STRESS AND PAIN THROUGH MUSIC.’ The co-author is Suzanne Hanser.

There are many people in our congregation that tell me that they are uplifted by the Sunday music, or members of our various musical groups that say making music in these settings is like therapy for them. So you might want to think and pray about joining one of our 13 musical groups here at SUMC, not only to serve and praise God, but for your own physical and emotional well-being!

For those of you who plan ahead, our SPRING CHORAL CELEBRATION is April 9 & 10 at all three worship services. The title is REVIVE 2011.

Here’s the February children’s and youth schedule:

Feb. 6	Both	Junior
Feb. 13	Both	Cherubs
Feb. 20	Both	Kid’s Youth Ensemble Rehearsal After 10:00 Service
Feb. 27	Both	Youth Ensemble (Last time of the year)

Blessings,  
Bev

## You Never Know...

You never know how your words and your actions will touch other people. We have been sending a DVD recording of our 10:00 Sunday Worship to area nursing homes and other homebound since September 2009. You can also find the last 8-10 sermons on-line at our website - [www.sycamoreumc.org](http://www.sycamoreumc.org). Last week I received an envelope in the mail from a lady that is not a member of our congregation. She has been watching our sermons through one of these methods for a while. Inside was a twenty dollar bill with a note saying “Jesus wants you to balance”. Talk about the power of the widow’s mite (Mark 12:41-44). This lady, unknown to us, heard something in one our recorded sermons that touched her heart so greatly, that she took the time to send us \$20.00 – twenty dollars to help us balance our budget. You never know how God will lead your words into the lives of complete strangers.



Music News!

*Spring Choral Celebration is  
April 9 and 10  
at all three services.*



**Join the Choir  
Wednesdays  
at 7:00 p.m.**

*Adult Ministry  
Bible Studies*

**Adult Ministries**

Are you ready for a leading role? Are you willing to lead a Lenten study? Are you willing to host a study in your home? The adult ministries needs small group leaders for our 2011 Lenten study, **A Journey of Discovery: On the Road With Jesus' Followers** by Kate Hayes. Please contact Diane Parrish or Molly Wade for more information about leading or hosting a

group in your home. Group leaders will select the day of the week and time of their study group for the 6 week study. Ready to strengthen your faith? Sign ups are coming for, **A Journey of Discovery**. Grow in your understanding of the journey taken by Jesus' followers and its significance for us today as you delve deeply into the relationships between Jesus and the

disciples. Learn principles that will help you on your own journey of transformation when you discover how their lives were transformed. This six session study includes opportunities to learn what your priorities should be as you try to live God's way, how to cope with pressure and failure, and how the Lord can transform us into people who play their full part in God's plans for the world.



**Titus/Coleman  
Award Announced  
February 13**

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup> is an important day for the Boy Scouts, as our church observes their special day of recognition. But THIS day will be even more special as our CARING MINISTRY NETWORK will be ANNOUNCING THE RECIPIENT OF AND AWARDING TO THEM their brand new special commemorative award, THE 2011 TITUS/COLEMAN AWARD.

This will be the first time that this award has been given, having been originated by Caring Ministry Network this past year. Both Bill Titus and Rich Coleman served as Leaders of Caring Ministry Network, and the award is named to commemorate these leaders. Each year it will be given to a local service agency whom the Caring Ministry Network feels is most deserving.

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Bill Titus was trained as a Steven Minister when our Church first began that caring program requiring many hours of intensive training. He headed the Steven Minister program for several years, making many caring visits to many churchfolk in their time of need. A few years later our church began a taping program of our sermons, and Bill was instrumental in that, seeing to it that those desiring tapes of the sermons received them in a timely fashion. In addition to these duties and being a dedicated worker in our church, Bill worked with the Boy Scouts for many years, always willing to help out, and has attended many outings with them. He was caring and giving, and a fine friend to many.

Rich Coleman loved to tell stories, always had time to spend to talk with you, and even wrote a story of his own, relating it word for

word! He was kind and gentle and kept his good humor in spite of a worrisome diagnosis of cancer, which he lived with for several years. He never let it get him down, sang in the choir as long as he could, helped out around the church and was always willing to go that extra mile for people. He became Leader of the Caring Ministry a few years ago. His dream, among his other work, was to offer CD's of the church services instead of tapes; and perhaps even DVD's, so our nursing home residents would feel like they were right there in church as they watched the DVD! Well, it came to pass, and Caring Ministry now offers CD's or DVD's—yes!—of our church services. Rich was a good leader and served our church well.

The Caring Ministry Network thanks Bill Titus, Rich Coleman, and their families for their years of service to the church and community.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Giving one unit of blood can save three lives - one of them could be someone you love.

Give blood on  
February 12th.

## Annual Pancake Supper!

The UMM 56th Annual Pancake Supper is Thursday, February 3 4:30—7:30 p.m. Please join us for pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs, applesauce, coffee and milk. Tickets are available in the Concourse and are \$6 ages 10 and up, \$3 ages 5-10, and free for children under age 5.

## Income Tax Help From AARP

Free income tax preparation will again be offered this year at SUMC. It will be offered each Wednesday 12:00 p.m.— 4:00 p.m. February 2 through April 13. Returns will be prepared by AARP Tax aide volunteers. Please bring last year's return and all IRS forms. Questions? Call Dave Leifheit at (815) 757-1800.

## Church Van Drivers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Church van each Sunday morning. The drivers pickup seniors at Oak Crest and Heritage Woods, and return them home after service. Interested volunteers should call the Church Office or Dave Leifheit at (815) 757-1800.

## Sycamore United Methodist Youth Ministry

UMY ministry is open to all those youth 6th grade through 12th grade. Youth from a variety of school districts attend our group. You do not need to be a member at SUMC and friends are always welcome to attend! **Please check the schedule and meeting times carefully. Updates will be in the church worship bulletin announcements. Also see the youth page at [www.sycamoreumc.org](http://www.sycamoreumc.org). Financial aid is available for any event.**

Thanks to all of you who bought Pizza this year. By now we have made well over 1200 pizzas. A few changes are going on this month so look at the notes below. We will be starting with a new high school time this month to see how this works, If you can make it great. Don't forget about Souper Sunday coming in February. For the SUPER BOWL this year high school will be at the Munro house which is 27580 Gerry lane Sycamore. For the middle school youth it will be at the Leguillon house which is 2436 Luther Lowell land Sycamore. They will both be starting at 5:00 bring a snack and drink to share. We will be providing pizza from our pizza making. If you have any questions please call me 630-774-8167 or Paul Leguillon 815-899-8603.

Joe

### Junior High Youth (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

Feb 6 5:00 SUPER BOWL (bring snack and drink)

Feb 13 4:30-6:00 Game time / Devotion

Feb 27 4:30-6:00 Game time / Devotion

### Senior High Youth (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Feb 3 BAD (Breakfast and Devotion) 8:00 a.m.

Feb 6 5:00 SUPER BOWL (bring a snack and drink)

Feb 13 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 Bible study

Feb 17 BAD (Breakfast and Devotion) 8:00 a.m.

Feb 27 Youth Group 7:00-8:30 Bible Study

### Senior High Mission Trip (8-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

Feb 20 SOUPER SUNDAY 10:00 a.m.





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## Scholarships

*The Memorial Committee will be offering scholarships to students planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college or university next year.*

The **Church Scholarship Funds** will award one or more scholarships with a minimum of \$500 for each.

The \$1,000 **Marion B. Marsh Memorial Scholarship** will be given to a person entering the freshman year.

The **Barbara J. Rodgers Memorial Scholarship** of at least \$1,000 will be given to a student who has completed the freshman year with priority given to prior recipients of the Marion B. Marsh Memorial Scholarship.

Applications and criteria are available in the church office and on line at [www.sycamoreumc.org](http://www.sycamoreumc.org) and should be completed and returned to the church office by March 31, 2011. Be sure to use the 2011 scholarship application to be considered for a scholarship. The scholarships will be awarded in June.



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