



THE UNITED METHODIST MESSENGER

Pastor's Pen

Scriptures That Give Me Fits

Mark Twain once said, "I have no problem with those parts of the Bible I don't understand. It's those parts of the Bible I do understand that give me fits."

Much of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) fits into that category.

Listen to just a few of his statements from Matthew Chapter 5:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of God." 5:3

- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth." 5:5

- "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account." 5:11

- "Do not resist an evil doer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also." 5:39

- and if anyone ... takes your coat, give your cloak as well." 5:40

- "and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile." 5:41

- "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." 5:44

If those are not enough to make you squirm, listen to verse 48:

- "Be perfect, therefore, as your Heavenly Father is perfect."

These passages illustrate one of the paradoxes of the Christian Faith. In a sense it is easy to become a Christian: you confess that you are a sinner, you repent of your sin, you believe that Jesus died on the cross for your sin and was raised from the dead, and you give your life to Him as your Lord and Savior. Instantly, you become a Christian!!

But, at the same time, one of the most difficult things in all the world is to be a Christian!! To be a Christian is to do what Jesus taught including the above.

Is it possible to do these things? **No, not by yourself.** Thank God for grace. By God's amazing grace, God empowers our puny efforts and they become amazing acts.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor who took on Adolf Hitler and was martyred for it, knew this. To him it all hinged on the cross. Talking about Matthew 5 and the Beatitudes, Bonhoeffer, in his book "The Cost of Discipleship", said, "... we naturally ask is there is a place on this earth for the community which they describe. Clearly, there is one place, and only one, and that is where the Poorest, Meekest, and most sorely Tried of all men is to be found – on the cross of Golgotha. The community which is the subject of the Beatitudes is the community of the crucified. With him it has lost all, and with him it has found all."

Will certain Scriptures give you "fits"? Yes!! Do you give up? No! With God's help you will be perfected!

See you in worship this weekend.

Pastor Bill

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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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March 2011 Worship Schedule

March 5– Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM and

March 6– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM

Pastor Bill Landis

Scripture: Matthew 17: 1-9

Sermon: Transforming Moments

March 9– Ash Wednesday

Pastor Harlene Harden

Scripture: Psalm 51: 1-17

Sermon: Ash Wednesday

March 12– Saturday Celebration at 5:00 PM and

March 13– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM

First Sunday in Lent

Girl Scout Sunday

Pastor Bill Landis

Scripture: Romans 4: 1-5; 13-17

Sermon: For Example...

March 19– Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM

Joe & Whitney Munro

March 20– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM

Pastor Bill Landis

Scripture: Romans 5: 1-11

Sermon: God's Disabilities Act

March 26– Saturday Celebration at 5:00PM and

March 27– Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 10:00AM

Pastor Harlene Harden

Scripture: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Sermon: Lighting Up Lent

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.



David Howe

John Wilson

Jim Lyon

Betty Brown

Bob Smith

Karen Hagen

Ken Krueger

Linda Glander

Tom Nelson

Wendell Meints

John Gregg

Pat Graham

Earlita Markham & Family

Sylvia Berger

Dan Todd



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

PVT Ben Bushno

Derrick R. Wells

SGT Shaune Clark

SGT. Neil Smith

*SPC Mitchell Stewart

LCPL Matthew Einhorn

Cpt. Garrett Slack

LCPL Kyle Keneway

PFC John Harris

David Whitehead

Eathon Larson

*SGT Dustin Bell

*SGT Andrew Sheehan

PV2 Jennifer Link

Jason Abitua

*SPC Christopher Isabel

CPT John C. Whitehead

*SPC. Matthew "Scott" Stewart

*indicates deployed personnel

Red Cross Blood Drive— Many Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped make the Red Cross blood drive a success. Whether you donated blood, baked treats, or volunteered in another capacity your

contribution was greatly appreciated. A special thank you goes to those who tried to give blood but were deferred because of a low count. Your

efforts were heartfelt. We are happy to announce that we ended the drive with 55 units of blood, 3 more than last year!



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, APRIL 02, 2011
9:00 A.M. - NOON

FREE FAMILY HEALTH FAIR
 Sycamore United Methodist Church
 160 Johnson Ave. Sycamore, IL



Health Care

*Health, Fitness, & Fun
 information for all ages*

Blood Pressure Checks
 Body Fat Analysis, Blood Pressure Checks
 Glucose Checks
 Chair Massage
 Facial Toning, Migraine Relief, Facials
 Spinal Health & Chair Massage
 Reiki, CranioSacral & KHT Hand Therapy
 Acupuncture
 Eye Health & Safety
 Breast Cancer Info & survivor packs
 Advanced Directives
 Senior Services
 Blood Pressure Checks
 Senior Services
 Mental Health Services
 Child Development Clinic - Information
 Counseling Services - Information
 Community Services - Information

Physician's Immediate Care
 Kish Health Community Wellness
 Kish Health Diabetes Educator
 Mandy Dillon, LMT
 Mandy Frick, L.M.T; Dana Baars, Esthetician
 Olympic Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
 Alysa Radtke, Reiki Master
 Heather Vanderburg, Acupuncturist
 Hauser Ross Eye Institute
 Cheryl Chilson, Breast Cancer survivor
 DeKalb County Hospice
 Elder Care Services/DeKalb Adult Day Care
 Atec Ambulance
 Family Service Agency
 Ben Gordon Center
 Kish Health Child Development Clinic
 Kish Health Counseling Services
 Voluntary Action Center
 MORE TO BE ADDED SOON!

Safety & Fitness

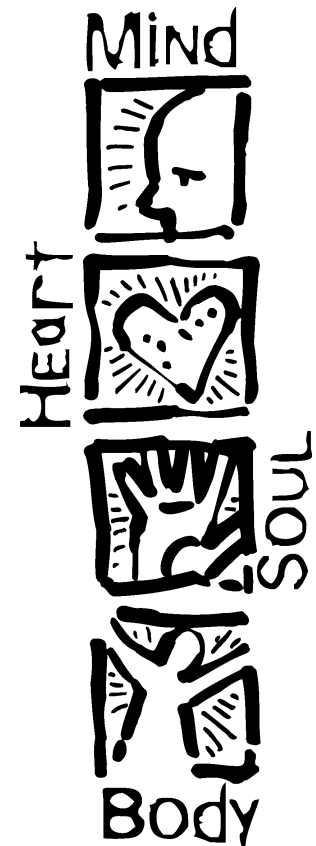
Big Brothers/Big Sisters programming & Intergenerational Programming information - Family Service Agency
 Sycamore Fire Department - Fire safety - Fire engine tour, Atec Ambulance - ambulance tours
 Ridge Ambulance - Balloons and candy for the kids - Ambulance tour
 Kishwaukee Family YMCA - Fitness programming info; Sycamore Park District - Fitness programming info
 Energym - Fitness programming information; Cardinal Fitness & Cardinal Bird Mascot- Fitness programming information
 MORE TO BE ADDED SOON!



Spiritual

SUMC Youth Group & Family Ministries - Program information
 Parish Nursing - Presentation on prevention of bullying
 SUMC Sisters In Service - Trail mix & Popcorn - 50 cents/bag
 ABC Pre-School - Program information MORE TO BE ADDED SOON!

For more information, call the church office 815-895-9113



Upcoming Events



Leading Ladies Upcoming Events

March 15 Bible Study in One Night - hostess Patti Anderson	costume jewelry at the UMW Thrift Sale. You will need some to join in the fun.	Call Cheryl Callighan if you would like more information -815 748-5714
April 19 Jewelry Auction - hostess Peggy Terry	Clean out drawers or grab some	
	May 17 Dinner out on the town - location TBA	

Thank You's

These simple words seem so inadequate at times, but are truly heart-felt to all of you who make up to congregation and staff for your many cards, well-wishes and prayers for me last week as I traveled to St. Louis for my aunt's funeral last week. It was truly a celebration of her 91 years on this earth. Thank-you as I found peace among my family members because of your prayers and support. Love, Pastor Harlene

To our Church Family,

We are so thankful for all the care and support that was sent our way following the news of our son Tim's injury in Afghanistan in late January. The prayers, cards, emails and phone calls were much needed and are appreciated. Tim was flown back to Ft. Lewis in Tacoma, Washington around February 4th, and we were able to fly out there the next week to see him. We delivered a large packet of cards from church members, and drawings from some of the youth.

Our sincere thanks,
Rick and Rebecca Stewart

A big Thank You to Everyone that sent cards and notes for my 90th Birthday. It was greatly appreciated and made a very special day for me. Also to the class that sent the Special Pack of 40 cards with their own message. I sat and enjoyed them all again today. My Birthday was really special.

Thanks Loads.
Love,
Maxine Ball

Spring Craft Sale

Our SUMC Craft Group will be holding their annual Spring Craft Sale on April 10 in the Concourse. Watch the bulletin for more info.



Craft Sale

Military Ministry News

Military Ministry received a thank you letter from the Northern Arizona VA Health System in regard to the 2011 calendars. That thank you goes to all of you who brought your surplus calendars. Another thank you goes to John O'Connell who delivered them to the hospital. Thoughts and prayers have been especially needed for

the Stewart Family, whose son, Tim was injured in Afghanistan in January. I'm sure he would appreciate mail while he is recovering. His address is: SPC STEWART, TIMOTHY, HHC, WARRIOR TRANSITION BATTALION, MAIL STOP 114339517, FT. LEWIS, WA 98433. Nine Valentine cards were mailed, and four boxes were

shipped to those soldiers deployed to Afghanistan this past month. Please remember to keep those military addresses current, as postage is expensive when letters and packages are returned.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

“Every skilled woman spun with her hands and brought what she had spun— blue, purple or scarlet yarn or fine linen.”

Exodus 35: 25

The members of the Prayer Shawl team have found great satisfaction and joy in using their God given abilities and talents to produce over 400 shawls since this ministry began in May

2006. Blessings have been given and received, laughter and tears have been shared, and God's presence has been felt. Warm and strong as the yarn is spun, within each Prayer Shawl blessings of God's warmth and strength can be found.

Our 5th anniversary celebration luncheon will be on June 6th (change of date

from May 2nd).

March Meeting Dates

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

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

Questions? Call:

Phyllis Anderson
(815) 899-9957

Jeanne Johnson
(815) 895-5594

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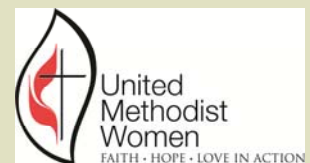
Exodus 35: 25

UMW News

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement begun by Christian women of many traditions who come together each year to observe a common day of prayer on the first Friday in March. Each year, a different country serves as the writer of the WDP worship service.

Through this event, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world. The women of our church are encouraged to attend this service at the Federated Church in Sycamore at 10:00 on March 4. We will be celebrating and learning about the country

of Chile. Be prepared to be inspired and uplifted with scripture, drama, and music as we share the struggles and blessings of our South American neighbor.



March

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 Class of 2011	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 6:30 PM Rachel Circle	2 6:00 PM Loving Well Journaling	3 9:00 AM UMCOR Counting 1:00 PM UMW Unit Meeting	4 9:00 AM UMCOR Counting	5
6 8:30 AM Loving Well Journaling 2:00 PM Adult Ministries Meeting	7 6:00 PM Budget Boosters 6:00 PM Evangelism Committee 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 6:00 PM Stewardship Committee 6:15 PM Adult Ministries	10	11	12 8:30 AM Scouting for Food- Food Drive
13 11:30 AM Family, Food and Fun 2:00 PM Eagle Ceremony 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	14	15 ABC Preschool Beach Party	16 ABC Preschool Beach Party 1:15 PM History & Archives	17 6:30 PM Military Ministry 7:00 PM Trustees	18	19
20 9:00 AM Thrift Sale Set-up	21 6:30 PM Caring Ministry 6:30 PM Thrift Sale Set-up 7:00 PM Ruth Circle	22 9:00 AM Thrift Sale Set-up 1:00 PM UMW Missions Team 6:30 PM Worship Committee	23 9:00 AM Thrift Sale Set-up	24 9:00 AM Thrift Sale Set-up	25 9:00 AM Thrift Sale 9:00 AM Bake Sale	26 9:00 AM Thrift Sale
27 4:30 PM Jr. High Youth 6:00 PM Sr. High Youth	28 6:30 PM Discipleship Committee	29	30	31		

Open/Lock Team

- 3/6 Rich Kaler
- 3/13 Gil Larimer
- 3/20 Marv Wildenradt
- 3/27 Rich Kaler



Ushers

8:30 a.m. Service

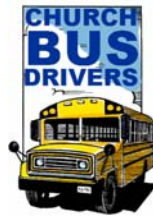
- Dave Stevens
- Rich Diehl
- Michelle Stevens
- Don Adams
- Ken Raymond
- Jack Ratcliffe

10:00 a.m. Service

- William Fraedrich
- Bill Fraedrich, Jr.
- Arliss Fraedrich
- Rich Bianco
- Joe Gibson
- Shelly Gibson

Church Bus

- 3/6 Mark & Ann Reed
- 3/13 Jim & Marcia Stoddard
- 3/20 Tom & Julie Maurer
- 3/27 Marty Roush



Sunday Greeters

- 3/6 Ashley Compton, Lizzie Compton, Marlin & Phyllis Anderson, Georgina Yeager
- 3/13 Dean & Sue Curtis, Eric Menzer
- 3/20 Jasmine Stipher, Sally Scott, Charlie & Betty Primm
- 3/27 Camilla Metcalf, Ann Elder, Marty Roush, Tim Tucci



Saturday Greeters

- 3/5 Nancy Davis, Brent Anderson
- 3/12 Dean & Sue Curtis
- 3/19 George & Kathy Brancato and Family
- 3/26 Marty Roush, Berni Schelkopf



The deadline to submit articles for the April newsletter is

Saturday, March 19.

Please e-mail all newsletter articles to: office@sycamoreumc.org

to make sure your submissions are received.

Christian Ministries



Save the VBS date: **Shake it Up Café – Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe**

Sunday, June 12 through Thursday, June 16, 2011

This year we will complete the entire week's themes by holding Session One, **Israelites Celebrate Passover** during church. After church, the families will have a pot luck lunch at SUMC. The kids will meet in the Commons on Sunday and in the Sanctuary Monday through Thursday. The mission focus will be the Sycamore Food Pantry. VBS is open to children entering Kindergarten through fifth grade.

Early Registration will begin Sunday, April 3rd. VBS shirts may also be ordered at this time for \$7 a shirt. Shirts are optional. Each participant will receive a VBS apron. The last day to order T-shirts will be Mother's Day, May 8, 2011. VBS cost is \$20 per child with a \$50 family cap for the week if registered by May 8th. After that date, the cost is \$25 per participant with a \$60 family cap. If an adult volunteers for the whole week, that adult's family is free. They only have to pay for T-shirts if they want to purchase any. Sample sizes will be at the registration table. We will have a registration table after both services April 3, 10 and 17.

Lenten Studies – Adam Hamilton's 24 Hours That Changed the World

Adults – Monday evenings 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the lounge March 14 – April 18

Week one – The Last Supper

Week two – The Garden of Gethsemane

Week three – Condemned by the Righteous

Week four – Jesus, Barabbas, and Pilate

Week five – The Torture and the Humiliation of the King

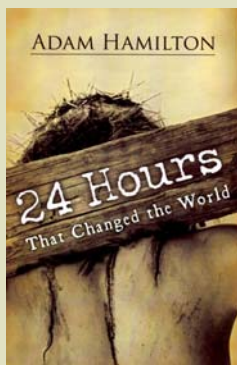
Week six – The Crucifixion and Christ the Victor

April 18th will last until 8:30 because it covers two sessions.

Older Children – Tuesday afternoons Children in second through fifth grades Tuesdays from 4:00 to 5:30

Younger Children – Preschool through first grade Thursdays 4:00 to 5:00

Week One	March 8 and 10	The Triumphal Entry
Week Two	March 15 and 17	Jesus Washes Disciples' Feet
Week Three	March 22 and 24	The Last Supper
Week Four	March 29 and 31	The Garden of Gethsemane
Week Five	April 3 and 5	Arrest and Peter's Denial
Week Six	April 10 and 12	Good Friday
Week Seven	April 17 and 19	The Resurrection



Mom's Day Out



Registration forms are available for fall 2011. The program offers sessions, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9-11:45 a.m. Children ages 15 months – Pre K are invited to learn through play with a staff that enjoys working with children. MDO/ABC will have an open house, March 8, 2011 – 9-12 p.m. The open house will give families an opportunity to see both programs in session.

We are grateful for your prayers and support to MDO. This is a true mission of SUMC.

Peace,

Barbara Johnson

Music Matters

I am grateful for the joyful worship we had in February, including some guest singers and speakers for Black History month. Now we transition into Lent, a season of reflection, and look forward to Easter!

The Adult Choir has been working on **REVIVE: TWENTY-ELEVEN!**, a Spring Choral Celebration that will transform our sanctuary into a modern-day tent revival. I've been researching Billy Graham, Billy Sunday, and Elvis, and if you want to see how that all ties together you'll have to come to worship on **Saturday, April 9, at 5 p.m., or Sunday, April 10, at 8:30 and 10 a.m.!**

It was a **joy** to have Mary McCue back in choir after a long hiatus battling illness. It is with **sadness** that we say farewell to Ellen Yedinak, who is moving to Pontiac, IL, but we have been so blessed by her beautiful voice and spirit for these past 7 or 8 years.

YOUTH ENSEMBLE sang for the last time on February 27, and we celebrated a great year at Portillo's afterwards. We are grateful to Katie Thurlby, Kailey Munro, Whitney Munro, Blaine Edwards, Lilia Edwards, Elizabeth Watson, Gracia Watson, Rebecca Johnson, Katie Hancock, and Kendall Colness for their faithful service, and to Jackson Shortridge for playing bass and Don Wehr for helping us out with his outstanding guitar skills.

Here is the schedule for March for Children's Choirs:

March 6 Both Junior

March 9 (No Junior Choir, other children's choirs check with your director) Adult Choir rehearses after the 6:30 Ash Wednesday service.

March 13 Both Cherubs

March 16 (Junior Choir has Pizza and Prizes Party—regular choir time)

March 20 Both Kid's Choir

Wed., March 23 NO CHILDREN'S CHOIRS MEET DUE TO SYCAMORE'S SPRING BREAK.

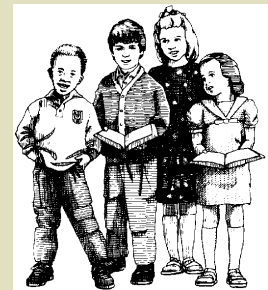
Blessings,
Bev Rauch

UMW Thrift and Bake Sale

Just like baseball, it's Spring Thrift Sale Season! Friday, March 25, from 9-6 is our "opening day". There's sure to be something for every shopper, from rookies to veteran players. The spring and summer line up of clothing, shoes, books, linens, housewares, toys, antiques, and collectibles can be dropped off at the church from Tues. March 22 to Thurs. March 24. Score a home run with our UMW team by giving some of your time to help out with this major league mission project. The \$5 Bag Day is a solid hit on Sat, March 26, from 9-noon. We're all winners in this game!

The song goes: "Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack." Snack mixes and all kinds of baked goods will be available at the Bake Sale on Fri. March 25 from 9-12. Our concession stand is far better than anything you can get at the ball park! Contributions can be dropped off at the west door dugout no later than 8:00 so our coaches can get everything priced and ready for the game. Don't miss the opening pitch!

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



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

Giving
Transforms
Life

Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). To help us understand the blessings that come from giving we can use the illustration of two bodies of water in the Holy Land.

The northern body of water is the Sea of Galilee. This large lake receives water from the melting snow of Mount Hermon to the north. Water flows out of the lake through the Jordan River to the Dead Sea in the south. Around the Sea of Galilee and within the sea is abundant life. On its banks are little towns and beautiful vegetation. The water is full of life with schools of fish swimming in its waters. In contrast, the Dead Sea is as

dead as its name implies. Nothing lives in it and nothing lives around it. Its waters are stagnant.

The contrast in these two bodies of water points out how giving can transform lives. The difference between these two bodies of waters is that water flows into the Sea of Galilee and then out of it down the Jordan River. It lives because it gives. In contrast, the Dead Sea only takes water in. There are no outlets leaving the Dead Sea. It simply takes without giving. By only receiving and not giving, the water is never refreshed and life is destroyed.

Through our giving we are either like the Sea of Galilee

or the Dead Sea. Do we look for ways to share the blessings God's given us with our church and community so as to resemble the Sea of Galilee or do we hoard all that we can or, at best, give God some leftovers, which causes us to be similar to the Dead Sea?

By the grace of God we can give and be transformed. Giving enables us to experience joy and live fulfilling lives. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, God can remove our attitudes of greed and covetousness. We can become the giving and generous people that he wants us to be.

Taken from "Live a God-pleasing Life" Devotional Meditations – Parish Publishing, LLC



Ukelele Players Wanted

If anyone is interested in learning to play the ukulele, or already knows how to play, and would like to join a small ukulele group to play for fun, please call Marilyn Williams (951) 492-1897. The ukulele is a simple instrument to play, and does not require the player to read music. It's inexpensive and fun to play! You may even have one hiding in your closet somewhere.

Craft Group

As a result of the Craft sales during the past year, donations were made to the Colorado Youth trip, the bathroom remodeling project and the Good Shepherd Fund. Thanks to the Church family for supporting us.

UMW News

Domestic violence is a key topic of 2011 missions for United Methodist Women. Barbara Samulowitz, president of the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Court Watch, will speak at our unit meeting. We need to make ourselves aware of the local challenges we have and what we can do to support women and children. All women of our church are invited to attend on Thurs. March 3 at 1:00 in the concourse. Rachel Circle will serve coffee and dessert. Come! Perhaps this is the mission opportunity you have been looking for.



ABC Preschool Ministry News

It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. With the new growth and changes that we will be seeing soon in our world it reminds me of how blessed we are here to witness daily the growth, both physically and emotionally in all the children here. I thank all the families for sharing their children with us here at ABC Preschool.

Our mission project for the month here will be "Change for Children." We will be asking families to collect spare change for the month of March. We will be donating all change collected to both ABC Preschool and Mother's Day Out for their Scholarship Programs. You never really

know how far a penny will go when it comes to Early Intervention and Early Childhood Education in a child's life. Please see any staff member at SUMC or at ABC/MDO if you need a collection tube or if you wish to make a donation to our scholarship program. Thank you in advance.

We still have openings for the fall 2011/2012 school year! We have many opportunities for new and exciting classes for next year. Our new five-day-program is full! If you or someone you know is looking for a quality early childhood education for their child, have them call to schedule a tour!

The children will be having a Beach Party to kick off

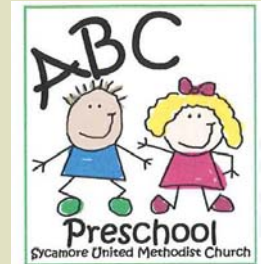
Spring Break during the week of March 14th. There will be music, dancing and lots of fun and crafts. Pictures will be displayed on our Shutterfly site for all members to see.

Spring Break will be from March 18-27th.

For the month of March we will be collecting stickers for the preschool children to use in their writing centers within the classrooms. A child can never have enough stickers on their letters!

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



Sycamore United Methodist Youth Ministry

Thanks to all of you who bought Pizza this year, our official count for pizza was 1520. Now that's a lot of PIZZA. Congrats to the Sycamore wrestling team who made it to state. This month is a planning month for the mission trip so all you involved in the trip you get a month off. It's nice to be able to look outside and see the grass even if it's brown. That just means that we are getting close to spring. Keep inviting your friends to youth group events it's always nice to see the group expand. I hope to see everyone at youth group.

Joe

Junior High Youth (6-8th grades)

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

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

Senior High Youth (9-12th grades)

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

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

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

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

March 31 BAD (Breakfast and Devotion) 8:00 a.m.

Senior High Mission Trip (8-12th grades)

Get ready to start selling Cinn. Rolls





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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 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.



Church Staff e-mail directory

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