

The Church On The Hill: Loving God and neighbor as we witness, nurture, and reach outward.

Web Site: www.ConnellUMC.org

Connell Calendar

Wednesday, February 3

4:45 PM Worship Staff Meeting (Library)
 5:00 Yoga Class (Kroll Education Bldg.)
 5:30 Connell @ Prayer/Communion in Sanctuary
 5:30 Joyful Ringers
 5:30 Hot Chocolate and Baked Goods Fundraiser
 5:45 Wednesdays at Connell (meal and program)--
 Our program will be *Music City Boys in concert*
 6:00 Connell Chimers
 6:45 Praise Kidz
 7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 4

9:00 AM Mother's Day out
 9:30 Seniors Fellowship Card Playing (Activity Room)

Friday, February 5

9:00 AM Home Schooling (Activity Room)

Saturday, February 6--CHURCH/TRUSTEE WORKDAY

8:30 AM Circle of Faith UMW circle meets
 9:00 General Meeting of UMW

Sunday, February 7 TAPE MINISTRY TEAM 1

8:00 AM Bake Goods and Hot Chocolate Fundraiser Sale
 8:30-12:00 **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**--Leeper Hall
 8:20 Praise and Worship Service
 9:30 General Assembly
 9:45 Sunday School
 10:30 Littlest Angel Preschool Choir
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
 2:00-10:00 Baby Shower for Jeremy and Amy Harrison and Super Bowl Party following
 4:00 PM Tic Tac rehearsal
 5:00 UMYF

Monday, February 8

3:30-4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 444 (Activity Room)
 6:00 Adult Handbells
 7:00 Voices of Praise rehearsal
 7:00 Boy Scouts (Activity Room)

Tuesday, February 9

9:00AM-2:00 PM Mother's Day Out

In His Service

Acolyte Schedule: February 7th
 8:20 Halle Reynolds and Emily Wimer
 11:00 Copeland and MeriAllen Krueger

Usher Schedule: January 10th through February 7th
 Builder's Sunday School class members.

Sunday Morning Greeters: February 7th
 8:20 Mickey Carpenter; Cliff and Janice Detamore
 11:00 Bryan and Lori Sutton; and Diane Wilgus

Volunteer Nursery Workers: February 7th
 8:20 Kim Phelps 11:00 Katherine Martin

Children's Chat: February 7th
 Rev. Paul Gardner at both services.

Children's Worship: February 7th
 No Children's Worship due to Communion Sunday.



Ride Service

The following volunteers offer the following "ride" services: Pick up and return Bro. Moore

Feb. 7, Scott Pennell
 Feb. 14, David and Teresa Haverly
 Feb. 21, Jeff and Lori Cordell
 Feb. 28, Lynn and Beverly Solomon

Bro. Moore's phone number is 902-9887. If anyone else needs a ride to church on a regular basis, or for a special occasion, call Lynn Solomon at 859-9747.



The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the Glory of God.

Scripture for February 7, 2010

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138;
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

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Sunday Worship Services:
 8:20 & 11:00
Sunday School: 9:45

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Director of Voices of Praise:
Jonathan Dow
Handbell Choirs Director:
Kathy Adams
Praise Kids Choir Director:
Karen Fraser (volunteer)
Littlest Angels Choir Dir.:
Beverly Solomon (volunteer)
Nursery Caregiver:
"Granny" Joy Stubblefield
Sound Technicians:
John Engelland and
Craig Hutfilz (volunteers)
Custodian: Sharon James

Pondering from Pastor Paul

Be Still and Know That I am God!

This weekend was a great adventure! I really enjoy the challenge of the winter storm. Mel doesn't understand that when everyone says, "Stay at home!" that I have to get out and go! It must be a guy thing, because Dave Haverly was already out and clearing the church walks before I could get out of the driveway! I claim that I have a responsibility to make sure the church is okay and that the walks and drive is clear for worship, but the reality is that I want to be in control!

It was an excellent time to practice what I preach! It was a built in day to reflect on the grace and mercy of God. It was a great time to spend some quality time with Mel. It was all of those things, but I was consumed with getting out of the drive and seeing what was going on in the rest of Goodlettsville!

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

I can really enjoy quiet and personal time with God, but I want to do it on my own terms! I want to be in control, even in my quiet time with God. As I reflect on the weekend, I have become aware that sometimes I cannot be in control. I cannot make the roads less slippery, nor can I control the snow-plows. Yet that unrest is a part of who I am and it is hard to stay home, be quiet, and enjoy the quietness of a snowy day.

You can only imagine the joy I felt as Dave called, said he had finished at the church and was on the way to Cima Drive to get me out! I felt like I had been delivered! I was so appreciative of him and his snow blower! What I could not do on my own, Dave was able to do for me. I had been released; I was free!

The Psalmist understood this when he wrote Psalm 46. While the world was literally crumbling around him, he was able to see clearly the redemption of God in the midst of the storm. This is what Jesus does in our lives when we stop our utter self-dependence and recognize that we cannot save ourselves. We need a redeemer!

Thanks you, David, for getting me out of Cima Drive. Thank you Jesus, for delivering me from my own sin and self consuming attitudes of life! Help me live in thankfulness, to take time to "be still and know that you are God!"

Sunday Morning at Connell

This Sunday we will simply repeat what we had planned for the Snow day. We are scheduled to have the American Red Cross Bloodmobile here from 8:30 till 12:30. Plan to roll up your sleeve and donate a unit of blood. It is a great way to save a life!

Also Sunday we will have a bake sale and hot chocolate sale, with the proceeds going to the children of Haiti. This is being sponsored by two of our children, Charlie and Lyriss Conrad, who were moved over Christmas to do something to give back to the community. The sale will be in the gathering area from 8:00 till 12:00. The children's classes are helping Charlie and Lyriss with this project.

Our 8:20 Worship Service can be heard on
www.summercities.com
 each Sunday morning and anytime during the week.

Trustees Work Day

The Connell Trustees have set our first Work Day of 2010 for Saturday, February 6th. Our focus will be on the next phase of our Church Council approved remodeling project that will relocate the Library into the Parlor, and convert half the existing Library into a Youth Director's office and double the size of our storage area off of Leeper Hall. We will need all the help we can get, as we will also be moving furniture to set up different classroom spaces for the 3 SS classes that this will affect, as well as moving things in the Gathering room to help better direct existing and new members to the right SS spaces. We will start at 8:00 am and would appreciate any and all volunteers who can come and help!
Connell Trustees

Confirmation Information Meeting

Date/Time Change

The Confirmation meeting for parents, mentors, and confirmands has been changed to Sunday, February 21 from 4:30-5:00 p.m. Please note this change from the information you recently received.

You're Invited

Join us for a **Baby Shower** in honor of **Jeremy and Amy Harrison** **Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** Connell Memorial United Methodist Church
Amy and Jeremy are registered at Babies R Us

UMW News

The next General Meeting of the UMW will be Saturday, February 6th at 9 AM. The Circle of Faith will meet at 8:30 AM on this same date.

Please mark this date and meeting on your calendar. See you then.

Change of Date for the Helping Hands UMW Circle--Will meet on Sunday, February 7th, at 3 PM, at the home of Mickey Carpenter. They will be finishing their UMCOR school kits.



Wednesday Night Dinners

Our Wednesday Night Dinners are at 5:45 PM. If you are not on the Standing List for the meals, you must sign up. If you are not able to come to the meal after signing up for it, you must pay for it or call before 10 AM on Monday morning to cancel your reservation. These meals are catered and each plate must be paid for regardless if the person comes to eat it or not.

On **Wednesday, February 3**, we will have lasagna, salad, bread sticks, and dessert.

BE SURE AND SIGN UP FOR THE MEAL, FELLOWSHIP, AND FUN.

Mother's Day Out News

We are so excited to announce that Ms. Monica, two -year- old teacher will return to work on Tuesday!! We are celebrating by "Showering her with Love." Anyone wanting to leave her a note or card, please feel free to leave it on my table outside my office or slip it under my door. Mrs. Monica is such a blessing to our program. We are Thankful for her return! I would like to thank you all for the prayers that were said on her behalf. Misty Reese

Special Offerings

Haiti/UMCOR: Karen Green; Jim and Laurie Shannon; and Alvin and Gail Clark in memory of Shirley Hale.

Member Assistance: Tom and Retha Freeman in memory of Bill Williams. Nancy and Allen Crawford in memory of Shirley Hale.

Stained Glass Windows: Tom and Retha Freeman in memory of Shirley Hale.

Meals on Wheels: Jewell Hurt in memory of Shirley Hale.

Kroll House: General Interest Circle in memory of Shirley Hale.

Men's 2010 GCRA Basketball Schedule

Monday night games will be played at Good Shepherd UMC in Hendersonville; Thursday night games will be played at Northside Church of Christ in Madison.

February

Thursday the 4th, 7:30 PM

Monday the 8th, 7:30 PM

Monday the 15th, 6:30 PM

Monday the 22nd, 7:30 PM

March

Monday the 1st, 6:30 PM

Monday the 8th, 7:30 PM

Thursday the 18th, 7:30 PM



Young Adults

I am trying to get things up and going again. On February 7th at 2 PM there is a shower for Jeremy and Amy Harrison in Leeper Hall. Immediately following the shower, we will have a Super Bowl party. Bring a few dollars for pizza. We have also been asked to move Sunday school rooms to the center room off of the Activity Room. We will make this move soon. We will have some sort of activity in the month of March and/or April.

For more information, contact James Hicks

Lenten Devotional Booklet

The worship committee plans to put together a Lenten Devotional Booklet. Rev. Rita has recruited persons to write, but we would like to open up the opportunity to any member/friend of our congregation. If you want to write, please contact Rev. Rita so she can share with you the guidelines for the devotional writings. All devotionals are due by Sunday, February 14.

Attention Connell Ladies

Feel as if you need some time set apart for God during Lent? On February 20, 2010 you will have that opportunity with a Woman's Day Apart sponsored by Aldersgate Renewal Ministries.

When: 9am - 2pm Saturday, February 20, 2010

Where: Aldersgate Renewal Center

How much: registration is \$20 which includes lunch as well (brochures are available in front of the office)

This will be day much like the last day apart we had at the church with workshops, worship, fellowship and prayer time. Come and join us as we take that day with you during Lent to focus on Him and not our schedules!

The Women's Ministry Team: Lori, Pam, Sally, Beverly, Kathy and Karen

Rev. Rita's Remarks

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM

Children's Ministry Team will meet Wednesday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the New Direction classroom. This meeting will focus entirely on Children's Worship. If volunteers or parents have any comments, please pass these along to a member of the Children's Ministry team or Rev. Rita. We are considering whether to continue Children's Worship, rework the program, or find alternative short-term worship experiences for our children.

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT VALENTINE BRUNCH

February 14 from 9:45-10:00 in Leeper Hall.

Children: Bring a decorated Valentine for your adopted grandparent. You are welcome to bring a treat if you wish.

Families: Bring a breakfast item to share.

Adopt a Grandparents: Come and enjoy!

Dedication of the 2010 Adopt a Grandparent Program in both worship services. If you are not a part of this wonderful program and wish to join, please contact Rev. Rita for details.

KID'S CLUB FOR FEBRUARY

The 4th—6th graders will meet on Sunday, February 21 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Our emphasis will be Lent. We will have a Lenten program, Lent cross craft, and Pancake Breakfast along with pancake games. Bring \$2.00 for meal.

SUPER SENIORS TO MEET

The February meeting of the Super Seniors 55+ will take place on Wednesday, February 17. We will have a sub sandwich lunch (cost \$3.00) and our program will be an Ole Fashion Hymn Sing. Alvin Clark will also share with us the history of some of our favorite hymns.

CONFIRMATION

Information for Confirmation has been mailed to all 4th-6th graders. If you did not receive information and wish to participate in confirmation, please contact Rev. Rita. We encourage all who plan to take confirmation to return their postcards ASAP.

PALM SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT AND LEARNING CENTERS

Sunday, March 28, during Sunday school, bring your Easter basket and a canned good for the Help Center. For children through 6th grade. Children will process into sanctuary waving Palm Branches in both services. Children will meet in the vestibule before the worship services. If they are in Sunday school, teachers will escort them to the sanctuary on March 28.

Financial Report for 2009

Budget Receipts for 1/31/10 w/electronic deposits: **\$2,967.49**
Special Offerings: **\$ 254.49**

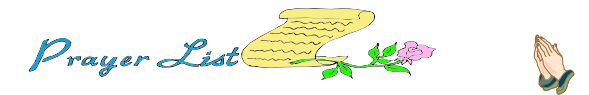
Attendance 1/31/10--ONLY ONE SERVICE BECAUSE OF SNOW

Sunday School	Visitors Sunday School	People on Mission Trip	8:20 Service	11:00 Service	Total
				50	50



Our Military In Service

- * Andrew Martin, nephew of **Roger and Susan Martin**, in Afghanistan
- * Andrew White, grandson of **Linda White**, USMC Reserve
- * Major Jeremy Davis, nephew of **Rhonda Rose**, USMC, in Iraq
- * Daniel Ham, **Laurie Shannon's** nephew, on the USS Ohio submarine off coast of Iraq
- * Elliott Brooks, **David Brook's** nephew, in Iraq



New Prayer Concerns

- Tommy Williams – coworker of **Frank Mink** who is recovering from a severe electrical shock.
- **Tom Freeman**, knee surgery at Skyline, Tuesday, Feb. 2nd
- **Tommy Adams**, upcoming back surgery on February 10th

On-Going Prayer Concerns

- **Jim Driver**, kidney stone
- **Martha Lannom**, will be undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- **Jackson Shannon**, in cast on lower body from recent surgery—let's call or send cards to cheer him up
- **Janice Detamore**, recovering at home from recent fall and surgery—let's remember to call or send cards to keep her cheered up
- **Jack Baker's** great-nephew, Garritt Baker (8 years old), undergoing chemo at Vanderbilt
- **Freida Wheeler**, now at home recovering
- **Sara Wesley's** sister, Rachel Forster, fell in MI and broke wrist—will be in a cast for 6 weeks
- **Lorena Stinson**, now at home recovering
- **Elgie Hale**, now at home
- Bob Moore, friend of **Tom Zminkowski**, heart problems
- Melissa MacElyea, liver cancer, **Bryan Sutton's** family friend
- Theresa Galbreath, recently had surgery and will be taking chemo, friend of **Barbara Johnson**
- People of Haiti
- Chris Gannon, youth minister at Northside Church of Christ, his wife and unborn babies
- **Vernon Stinson**, The Meadows at Belleview
- Doris Adams, sister of **Guinn Nolen**, in Hospice Care in Florida
- * Peyton Arnold, great-grandnephew of **Charleen Keller**, has leukemia
- * Jenny Newell, cancer, friend of **Martha Lannom**
- * Virginia Stape, **Pam Dow's** grandmother, in skilled nursing facility—pray for continued strength
- * Jackie Harry, niece of **Joel Clifton**, had surgery for cancer of the thyroid and will be having chemo treatments. Also pray for her husband, Ryan, and their two sons, 3 yrs old and 4 months old.
- * **Martha Cunningham**, recovering from shoulder surgery
- * Debbie Kemp, co-worker of **Donna Fields**, has a brain tumor
- * Becky Spencer, started chemo for lung cancer, friend of **Bill and Barbara Krauss**
- * **Jeremy Harrison's** grandmother in Clarksville
- * Kristin Carpenter, **Tom and Mickey Carpenter's** grandniece who lives in New York
- * Ralph Peeler, lung cancer, friend of **Mike and Barbara Johnson**
- * Bob Bell, lung cancer, friend of **Charlie Goad**
- * Amy Eubanks, friend of **Kim Green**, fell and is paralyzed
- * Don and Donna Luthy, **Jay Luthy's** cousins, in MO, Donna has Chronic Lymph Cystic Leukemia, chemo treatments
- * Virginia Williams, **Barbara Williams'** mother
- * Patricia Shaw, brain tumor, Vanderbilt, friend of **Shylene Tinsley**
- * Sherry Watson, friend of **Joni Lawson**, brain tumor
- * Connie Goad, friend of **Susan Martin**
- * Larry Wiley, cancer, friend of **Tim, Holli, and Jesse Corn**
- * Mike Drislane, friend of **Jennifer Brown**, NHC in Murfreesboro

For strength and completeness in healing process

- * **Karen Fraser**
- * **Janice Detamore**
- * **Linda White**
- * **Donna Fields**
- * **Traci Bishir**