

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

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## Connell Calendar

### Wednesday, March 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  
5:45 Wednesdays at Connell (meal and program)--Our program will be guest speaker Jim Thomas, Goodlettsville City Manager, talking on *City Concerns*  
6:00 Connell Chimers  
6:45 Praise Kidz  
7:00 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 4

9:00 AM Mother's Day out  
9:30 Seniors Fellowship Card Playing (Activity Room)  
5:00 PM **Evangelism Committee meeting**

### Friday, March 5

9:00 AM Homeschoolers meet  
4:00 PM Connell Croppers led by Debbie Short (Activity Room)

### Saturday, March 6

8:45AM-12:00 Confirmation Day with the Bishop at Springfield First UMC--leave here at 8:15; arrive home at 1 PM  
9:00 AM-4:00 PM Connell Croppers led by Debbie Short

### Sunday, March 7 TAPE MINISTRY TEAM 1

8:20 AM Praise and Worship Service  
9:30 General Assembly  
9:45 Sunday School  
10:30 Littlest Angel Preschool Choir  
11:00 Traditional Worship Service  
2:30 PM Confirmands meet  
4:00 Tic Tac rehearsal  
5:00 UMYF  
6:30 Praise Kidz to sing at Sterling House

### Monday, March 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, March 9 MEALS ON WHEELS TEAM 2

9:00AM-2:00 PM Mother's Day Out  
5:30-9:00 PM **Youth Curriculum Meeting**

## In His Service

**Acolyte Schedule: March 7th**  
8:20 Grace Shannon 11:00 Maggie Sutton and Hannah Hagewood

**Usher Schedule: February 14th through March 7th**  
Former Upper Room Sunday School class members and Progressive class members.

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

**Volunteer Nursery Workers: March 7th**  
8:20 Kim Phelps 11:00 Courtney Langston

**Children's Chat: March 7th**  
Daphna Flegal at both services.

**Children's Worship: March 7th**  
No children's worship due to Communion observance.



## Ride Service

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

March 7, Tom and Retha Freeman and Jonie Lawson  
March 14, Jack and Melaney Baker  
March 21, Kim Phelps  
March 28, Bryan and Judy Westlake

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 March 7, 2010*

*Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9*

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

*Rev. Paul Gardner, Sr. Pastor*  
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*Associate Pastor of Children*  
*Ministries and Visitation:*

*Rev. Rita Hays*  
*(revrhays@bellsouth.net)*  
*Director of Students:*  
*Kate Adcock*  
*(kadcock@bellsouth.net)*  
*Mother's Day Out Director:*  
*Melissa Reese*  
*(melissar1073@hotmail.com)*

*Admin. Assistant:*  
*Jacque Payne*  
*(cmumc@bellsouth.net)*  
*Director of Music:*  
*Phillip Stegner*  
*(maestrops@bellsouth.net)*  
*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

### Upcoming Meetings Will Shape Directions

Our Church Council will meet in March 15 at 6:00 pm. Note that this is an earlier time than usual, and we will provide a soup and salad dinner for everyone as we give a little extra time for this meeting. Everyone in the church is invited to come and participate in this session. We will have several business items to deal with, particularly to ratify our 2010 budget, and then move into a time of evaluation and planning for the rest of the year. Our chair, Pam Garrett, will move us through a time of evaluation, goal setting and planning for our mission and ministry through the rest of the year. Childcare will be provided for this Council meeting.

Next Tuesday, March 9, we will hold our Youth Curriculum Planning retreat. It will be from 5:30 till 9:00, and we will provide childcare and pizza for this meeting. We have had a time scheduling this, so we hope that everyone will be able to be present and ready to go to work. This workshop is for everyone who would like to have input on what our youth should be learning in our youth ministry programs, from Sunday School to UMYF and special trips and programs. It will provide a blueprint for several years.

The ministries of our church provide the place where the rubber hits the road. This planning is critical to our being able to live out our calling as a Christian church.

In Christ,  
Pastor Paul

## Confirmation is in Full Swing

We are currently meeting with our older elementary students in Confirmation. This is a class where students learn about the basic foundations of the Christian life and about our lives as United Methodists. We meet at 2:30 on Sunday afternoons. Our class this year includes Reed Reynolds, Maggie Sutton, Rachel Bruner, Rachel Frey, Kendall Nolen, Dallas Knight, MeriAllen Krueger, and Hannah Hagewood. Please keep these students in your prayers. They will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

## Lenten Devotionals

Lenten Devotionals, written by our church members are available to be picked up. They are in the sanctuary and the gathering area.

## Bakers Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church Fundraiser

Bakers Chapel Christian Methodist Episcopal Church invites you to a fundraiser event. Several members of the Connell congregation will be sharing music at this event on **Saturday, March 13th, at 3:00 PM, at the Goodlettsville City Hall**. Tickets are \$10.00 each and the proceeds go to the building fund at Bakers Chapel CME Church. Tickets may be purchased at their church office, 210 North Main Street, Monday through Friday from 1 to 4 PM. You can call 859-0754 for an alternative time and place to get your tickets.

**Our 8:20 Worship Service can be heard on**  
**[www.sumnercities.com](http://www.sumnercities.com)**  
**each Sunday morning and anytime during the week.**

**Prayer Path for Lent**

The Worship Committee, Spiritual Formation Committee and Stephen Ministers are joining together to provide a spiritual experience called The Prayer Path. The Prayer Path will consist of eleven centers set up in the Kroll House. Persons using CDs with headphones can visit each center and participate in the spiritual exercises intended to deepen our prayer life. The Prayer Path takes about one hour. Older children are welcome to attend with a parent. Child-care will not be available unless requested. Contact Rev. Rita if you need childcare.

The dates and times for the Prayer Path are:  
 Thursday, April 1 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.  
 Friday, April 2 from 1:00-7:00 p.m.  
 Saturday, April 3 from 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Virginia Fryer Ladies Spring Fling**

Ladies, mark your calendars for Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>. That is the date for the Virginia Fryer Ladies Spring Fling!!! 10:30 am – 12:00 noon. This is our 25th year and the UMW has something special planned and there will be limited seating. Tickets will be available in a couple of weeks.. They will be \$12.00



**UTURN Event**

We are taking you back to High School to show you what it is like to be a teen living in today's world. Temptation after temptation, these teens struggle to keep their faith in God alive. Many teens tend to take the wrong path in life and tend to lose faith in God when

things go bad. They tend to hide God behind their addictions and pain. Join us as we profess the word and the belief that through God all things are possible and that a UTURN in life can be made possible through God. I encourage you to join us. Go to the link below to check out the UTURN promo.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrMhS4wfSSs> We hope to see you there! God Bless, Jonathan Merryman

**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, March 3rd**, we will have pork chops, mac and cheese, green beans, rolls and dessert.

On **Wednesday, March 10th**, we will have roast beef, loaded potatoes, pinto beans, rolls and dessert.

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

**Youth News**

This week in youth, we focused on Jesus in the Wilderness to learn about what Lent is and why we practice it. We made masks that symbolize our inner and outer selves and then offered them both to God. It was a wonderful time of introspection and prayer, and good to learn more about why we do what we do within the church.

This year, we are again participating in 30 Hour Famine! The Famine will be March 19 and 20, and many of the youth will be looking for sponsors. If you would like to donate to World Vision to help feed children who are hungry, please find either Kate or one of the youth.

Our Mission trip this year will be to New Orleans through Team Effort June 20-25. If you would like to attend, please fill out a form on the youth table and return it to Kate along with your \$75 deposit NO LATER THAN March 10!

**Disciple Graduation Announcement!**

It is my pleasure to report that on February 28<sup>th</sup> we completed another Disciple Bible Study Class. Our graduates are: Charleen Keller, Jacque Payne, Lisa More, and Jim Moore. Please congratulate them for their accomplishment.

Steve Wilgus

**You Are Invited to an  
 "Former Upper Room Class Reunion"  
 March 20, 2010**

@  
**The Kroll Education Building  
 7:00 until 10:00 PM**  
**Please bring finger food & any pictures or tapes  
 you have.**  
**RSVP: Sandra 851-0352 or Judy 859-3894**

**UMW Birthday Bucks Luncheon**

Thanks to all who helped and came to the UMW Birthday Bucks Luncheon on Sunday! It was a lot of fun and we made right at \$100.00 for Missions. Thank you!!!!



**Eagle Court of Honor  
 For  
 Hayes Shannon  
 Sunday, March 21, 2010  
 2 to 5 PM  
 Connell Memorial UMC**

Everyone is invited. Please reply to [jimshannon@comcast.net](mailto:jimshannon@comcast.net) if you plan on attending.

**Thank You**

Thank you all so much for your prayers, emails, cards, and visits during the loss of my grandfather. It is greatly appreciated.  
 Love, Kate

**Rev. Rita's Remarks**

**MARCH MEETING OF SUPER SENIORS (55+)**

The Super Seniors will meet Wednesday, March 17, at 11:30 in Leeper Hall. Our theme is "Going Green." We will have a salad luncheon and Nancy Ligon will share with us on gardening and recycling ideas. Joan James will share a devotion with us centering on St. Patrick. Bring a salad to share.

**KID'S CLUB**

The 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> graders will meet Sunday, March 21, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have a spaghetti dinner and a Prayer Walk. Bring \$2.00 for dinner.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Children will process into sanctuary waving Palm Branches in both services. The 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.

**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.

March

Monday the 8th, 7:30 PM  
 Thursday the 18th, 7:30 PM



**Special Offerings**

**General Funds:** Sara Wesley in honor of Ann Moon and Kate Adcock.

**Financial Report for 2009**

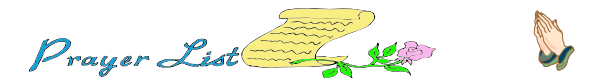
Budget Receipts for 2/28/10 w/electronic deposits: **\$6,798.49**  
 Special Offerings: **\$ 420.26**

Attendance 2/28/10					
Sunday School	Visitors Sunday School	People on Mission Trip	8:20 Service	11:00 Service	Total
165	7		96	136	232

**Our Military In Service Overseas**



- \* Andrew Martin, nephew of **Roger and Susan Martin**, in Afghanistan
- \* 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**

- Kambree McCarroll, infant daughter of Wade and Amanda McCarroll, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, undergoing tests, requested by **Leanne Morris**
- Rev. Lloyd Tatlock, tests for potential brain lesion, friend of **Bill and Barbara Krauss**

**On-Going Prayer Concerns**

- **Jim Thomas**; brother, Bill, home recovering
- **Bill Hays** as he undergoes treatment for chronic myelogenous leukemia
- **James Webb**
- Mike Gilmore, Pensacola FL, step-brother of **Lori Stegner**, automobile accident
- **Tom Freeman**, home recovering from knee surgery
- **Martha Lannom**, will be undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- **Jackson Shannon**, in cast on lower body from recent surgery
- **Jack Baker's** great-nephew, Garritt Baker (8 years old), undergoing chemo at Vanderbilt
- **Sara Wesley's** sister, Rachel Forster, fell in MI and broke wrist—will be in a cast for 6 weeks
- Melissa MacElyea, liver cancer, **Bryan Cantor's** friend
- Theresa Galbreath, recently had surgery and will be taking chemo, friend of **Barbara Johnson**
- People of Haiti
- 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**
- Jackie Harry, niece of **Joel Clifton**, had surgery for cancer of the thyroid and will be having chemo treatments
- 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**
- 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
- \*Traci Bishir
- \*Janice Detamore
- \*Donna Fields
- \*Virginia Stape, **Pam Dow's** grandmother, in nursing facility