

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

Web Site: [www.ConnellUMC.org](http://www.ConnellUMC.org)

## Connell Calendar

### Wednesday, March 10

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)  
6:00 Connell Chimers  
6:45 Praise Kidz  
7:00 Chancel Choir

### Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM Mother's Day out  
9:30 Seniors Fellowship Card Playing (Activity Room)  
7:00 PM Christian Journey Prayer/Discussion group meets at home of Tom and Mickey Carpenter

### Friday, March 12

9:00 AM Homeschoolers meet  
7:00 PM UTURN Youth Event--everyone invited

### Saturday, March 13--DON'T FORGET TO TURN CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO BED

6:00 PM UTURN Youth Event--everyone invited

### Sunday, March 14 TAPE MINISTRY TEAM 2

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  
1:00 PM **Reception to honor Judy Vecchione as retiring director of the Help Center**  
2:30-4:00 Confirmation Class  
4:00 Tic Tac rehearsal  
5:00 UMYF

### Monday, March 15

3:30-4:30 PM Girl Scout Troop 444 (Activity Room)  
6:00 **Church Council meeting--** light meal provided  
6:00 Adult Handbells  
7:00 Voices of Praise rehearsal  
7:00 Boy Scouts (Activity Room)

### Tuesday, March 16 MEALS ON WHEELS TEAM 3

9:00AM-2:00 PM Mother's Day Out  
6:30 PM **Worship Committee meets** (new Library)

**Don't forget Daylight Savings Time begins March 14th. That means, turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday, March 13th, or you will be late for church on Sunday morning.**

## In His Service

**Acolyte Schedule: March 14th and 21st**  
8:20 Halle Reynolds and Emily Wimer  
11:00 Gabrielle Waters and Rachel Frey

**Usher Schedule: March 14th through April 4th**  
Joyful Noise Sunday School class members.

**Sunday Morning Greeters: March 14th**

8:20 Elaine Merryman  
11:00 Lynn Solomon and Kathy White

**Volunteer Nursery Workers: March 14th**

8:20 Morgan Dozier 11:00 Rachael White

**Children's Chat: March 14th**

Lynn Solomon at both services.

**Children's Worship: March 14th**

8:20 Jay and Ruth Luthy 11:00 Bill Hays and Melanie Gardner



## Ride Service

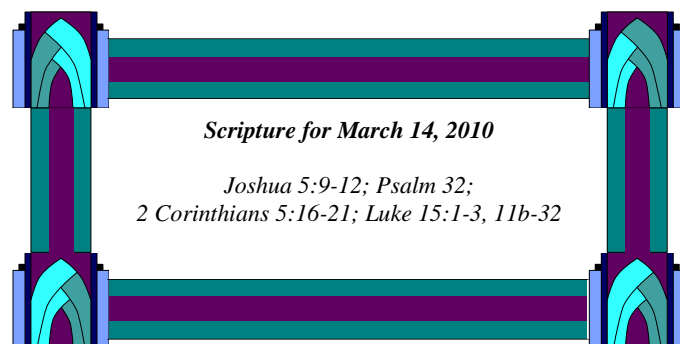
The following volunteers offer the following "ride" services:  
**Pick up and return Bro. Moore**

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 in honor of the Goodwill Sunday School class by Sara Wesley.



*Scripture for March 14, 2010*

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

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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*  
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*Mother's Day Out Director:*

*Melissa Reese*  
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*Admin. Assistant:*

*Jacque Payne*  
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*Director of Music:*

*Phillip Stegner*  
*(maestropsls@aol.com)*

*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

### Its Happening in our Nursery!

I do believe that we have the best church nursery in the city! Every time I stop by, the children are being loved, cuddled, and cared for in an extraordinary way! We have such a great team of volunteer workers in our nursery to help Granny Joy do what she does so well.

We are always looking to insure that what we do is the best we can offer to our children. It is easy to live on our laurels and allow ourselves to become less than what we want to be. This is why our children's department takes their job of monitoring our nursery so seriously.

During the past several weeks, we have looked critically at what we are doing and have made two significant changes in our procedures. We have always asked parents to sign our children in when they leave them, but now we are asking you to fill out an information sheet to help Granny Joy and the children's department to know better who is in the nursery and what specific needs they may have. We are asking for basic contact information so we can follow-up and see that the care of your children is beyond adequate.

The second change is the purchase of nursery pagers. When you leave your child, you will receive a pager so you can be notified immediately if there is any situation that needs your attention. Our prayer is that we will never need to use one, but our concern for the well-being of the kids has prompted us to buy this system and put it into place.

In late April, we will offer two information and training seminars during the Sunday school hour about our Safe Sanctuaries policy and procedure. They will be on April 18 and 24. The responsibility for the faith development and protection of our precious children and youth at Connell Memorial resides not only with their parents and family members, but with each of us meeting the purpose of our faith community.

May 2 will be Safe Sanctuaries Sunday at Connell. Each member will be asked to covenant together to provide the safest and most loving community that we can create. Mostly this calls for us to be aware of the needs of all our people, to respond to concerns with love and compassion, and to live out what we promise at the baptism of our children. Very soon we will have our Safe Sanctuary policy posted on the web page at [www.connellumc.org](http://www.connellumc.org). I will send an email notice when it is posted with a link for you to read.

I want to also personally thank each of the teachers and leaders in our children's department for the care and security they provide for the children. Take time Sunday to wander through the department and see for yourself the quality this program offers to the education of our kids. You will find it inspiring.

In Christ's Abundant Grace, Pastor Paul

## Holy Week Services

Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> our church will be responsible for lunch at the Holy Week Services. We will need people to sign up for sandwiches, chips, and/or brownies/cookies. We need to serve around 100 people. Please sign up on the sheet in the gathering area. You can bring items to the Church on Tuesday, or Wednesday morning and we will transport to the service. The service is at 12:00 noon. Thanks in Advance!! Lori Cordell

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

## RERUN COLUMN OF NEWS

### 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.

### 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.



### UTURN Event

Friday, March 12th, 7 PM

Saturday, March 13th, 6 PM

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

### 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

Thursday the 18th, 7:30 PM

Saturday the 20th, 7:30 PM, Northside (make-up game)



### 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 10th, we will have ham, baked potato, and tossed salad.

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

## Youth News

This week in youth, we spent some time re-visiting our childhood and enjoying the beautiful Spring weather by playing with sidewalk chalk and bubbles. It was fun to spend time playing and just enjoying each other's company!

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!

### Items For Prayer Path

#### Due Sunday, March 14

Sunday school classes are asked to gather the items assigned you for the Prayer Path and turn in to Rev. Rita by March 14. Here were the assignments:

Young Adults Class: CD players, batteries for CD players  
Joyful Noise: pebbles or small rocks of varied sizes, large plastic bucket

Hope: notebook paper, colored pens, trash can with lid  
Progressive: compass, four strong magnets, map of our country, sate, or community, about three-feet square

Acts 2:42: cushion, bread, plate for bread, grape juice, chalice, small cloth, large three-wick pillar candle, approximately six inches in diameter or smaller single-wick candle

Goodwill: full length-standing mirror, one or more ink pads, pad of paper or notebook, wet wipes

Builder: large pot, flower box, or bowl, filled with soil or potting compost, large nonpoisonous seeds, such as sunflower seeds, bowl for the seeds

Seeker: one to four dozen votive candles in votive holders, box of matches

New Direction: wooden or plastic sandbox, clean sand, trowel, and medium-sized towels

### Labyrinth Walk

Labyrinth Walk March 27th at 10 AM at Episcopal Church, 3100 Murfreesboro Pike, Antioch, TN., presented by Rev. Battle Beasley. The bus will be leaving at 9 AM from the parking lot here at Connell. Please let us know if you are planning to go or to ride the bus. Sign up sheet will be in the Gathering Area. This is a great way to begin Holy Week.



## 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 devotional centering on St Patrick. Bring a salad to share.

### KID'S CLUB

The 4<sup>th</sup>-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 & LEARNING CENTERS

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

### Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt

The children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday, Marcy 28. The Children's Ministry team needs bags of wrapped candy to fill the Easter egg. Please bring and give to Rev. Rita or place in her office. Thanks.

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Area. Cost is \$7.00 each.

### UMW Birthday Bucks

The final amount collected at the Birthday Bucks luncheon was \$120.00. Thanks again to all who participated.

### Mothers' Day Out

The blow up bounce house, that was kept under the stairs in the closet by the choir room in a blue Rubbermaid container, has disappeared. It is purple and red with a basketball hoop that attaches. It has an orange fan that blows it up. If you have seen this or borrowed it, please let the church office know.

### Sunday School notes

Did you know the Progressive Class is beginning a study of Reformation History? John Engelland started it off this past week with a whirlwind tour of several hundred years of history. Join them Sunday in room 108 to learn about this formative period in our Christian History.

The Joyful Noise Class will begin, this Sunday, a video based study by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection called "24", looking at the last 24 hours of Jesus life. You can join this class in Leeper Hall.

Attendance 3/7/10					
Sunday School	Visitors Sunday School	People on Mission Trip	8:20 Service	11:00 Service	Total
150			93	109	202

### Financial Report for 2009

Budget Receipts for 3/7/10 w/electronic deposits: **\$11,880.00**  
Special Offerings: \$ 173.60



### New Prayer Concerns

- Diane Jackson, our Wednesday night caterer, suffered a mild heart attack
- Michael Alsup, surgery in Arkansas, grandson of Wilma Cude
- Sympathy to Marsha Murphy and family in the death of her brother, Jon Stenberg

### On-Going Prayer Concerns

- Bill Burgin, cancer and now in hospice care in NC, Scott Pennell's uncle
- 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
- Bill Hays as he undergoes treatment for chronic myelogenous leukemia
- James Webb
- Tom Freeman, home recovering from knee surgery
- Martha Lannon, undergoing treatment for non-Hodgkins lymphoma
- Jack Baker's great-nephew, Garritt Baker (8 years old), undergoing chemo
- Melissa MacElyea, liver cancer, Bryan Cantor's friend
- Theresa Galbreath, recently had surgery and will be taking chemo, friend of Barbara Johnson
- Peyton Arnold, great-grandnephew of Charleen Keller, has leukemia
- Jenny Newell, cancer, friend of Martha Lannon
- Jackie Harry, niece of Joel Clifton, 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
- \* Donna Fields

### 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