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The View from the Hill

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

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Connell Calendar

Wednesday, February 1

5:15 p.m. Family Ringers
5:30 Connell at Prayer
5:45 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Joyful Ringers
6:30 Praise Kidz Choir Rehearsal
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Revelation)
7:00 Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 2

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out
6:00 p.m. Wesley Study Group

Friday, February 3

10:00 a.m. Home Schoolers

Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m. UMW General Meeting

Sunday, February 5 TAPE MINISTRY TEAM 1

8:20 a.m. Praise and Worship Service
9:30 General Assembly
9:45 Sunday School
10:30 Littlest Angel Preschool Choir
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth Super Bowl Party

Monday, February 6

6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
6:00 Adult Handbells
7:00 Voices of Praise

Tuesday, February 7 MEALS ON WHEELS TEAM 1

9:00 a.m. Mother's Day Out

Wednesday, February 8

5:15 p.m. Family Ringers
5:30 Connell at Prayer
5:45 Wednesday Night Dinner
6:00 Joyful Ringers
6:30 Praise Kidz Choir Rehearsal
6:30 Pastor's Bible Study (Revelation)
7:00 Chancel Choir

In His Service

Acolyte Schedule February 5

8:20 Halle Reynolds and Renee Zhuang
11:00 Mary Ray and Lauren Dickens

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8:20 Joyful Noise Sunday School Class
11:00 Joyful Noise Sunday School Class

Sunday Morning Greeters: February 5

8:20 Mickie Carpenter and Cliff & Janice Detamore
11:00 Bryan & Lori Sutton and Diane Wilgus

Volunteer Nursery Workers: February 5

8:20 Jamie Lee Luthy 11:00 Nanci Frey

Children's Chat: February 5

8:20 Daphna Flegal 11:00 Daphna Flegal

Children's Worship: February 5

No Children's Worship due to communion

Ride Service



The following volunteers offer the following "ride" services:

Pick up and return Bro. Moore

February 5: David and Teresa Haverly
February 12: Jeff and Lori Cordell
February 19: Jack and Melaney Baker
February 26: John & Staci Engelland
March 4: Kim Phelps
March 11: Bryan and Judy Westlake
March 18: David and Teresa Haverly

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 the church office at 859-5915.

Recovery Opportunities at Connell

AA meets weekly in the Connell Recovery House at 200 East Cedar.
Monday and Thursday – 7:30 PM (open meeting)
Saturday – 6:00 PM (closed meeting)



Sunday Worship Services:

8:20 & 11:00

Sunday School: 9:45

Senior Pastor:

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

Rev. Rita Hays
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Director of Students:

David Barton, 491-0781
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Mother's Day Out Director:

Nanci Frey, 642-6100

Administrative Assistant:

Marilyn Malone, 859-5915

Director of Music:

Phillip Stegner, 948-0659

Director of Voices of Praise:

Jonathan Dow, 587-4053

Handbell Choirs Director:

Kathy Adams, 851-0189

Praise Kidz Choir Director:

Karen Fraser (volunteer)

Littlest Angels Choir Dir.:

Beverly Solomon (volunteer)

Nursery Caregivers:

Fiona Richards

Sound Technicians:

John Engelland and
Craig Hutfilz (volunteers)

Custodian:

Sharon James

Other staff members may be contacted by email at:
cmumc@bellsouth.net

Ponderings from Pastor Paul

Sunday we visited High Point Church in Memphis with my daughter and her husband. It is a 10 year old church, doing a lot of things that attract young couples. I asked Lindsey and Justin what attracted them to the church and their response surprised me! **They said they were invited!** The church had done a great job getting ready for them. People greeted us at the door and in the parking lot. Over 200 volunteers are needed each Sunday to welcome guests, teach Sunday School, oversee the coffee stations and to run the very high tech sound, light and projection systems.

The bottom line was that they were invited and the church was ready for them. It was not their first invitation. Lindsey and Justin, like many of our young adults, were raised in the church. Following high school, they stopped going except for the few times we were visiting and they had to go. Getting back to church has been a process for them, and I am excited that they have found a place where they feel a part.

In 2 weeks, we begin CSI:CONNELL. As we meet, keep Lindsey and Justin in our thoughts. Who do they represent in our community? Have they moved into your neighborhood? Do you see them out on Sunday morning when you leave for church? Do you wonder why they are doing house chores instead of getting up and going to church? Well, maybe it is as simple as inviting them!

During CSI:CONNELL, we will ask if we are ready for them to come. I know they are welcome, but do they have a place? Week 2 is a look at our own vitality as a church. It focuses on what we need to do to integrate new people into the life of our church, and to feed those already here. This is really harder than it may seem, because it requires a culture of inclusion and Christian growth. We have to see our church from the eyes of an outsider. Several of our newer members have shared some thoughts related to this.

Week 3 we will put together an action plan. The results of this plan will include each of our members stepping up to make sure we have all the pieces in place to welcome and invite.

Mark your calendar now to be present for each of our 3 sessions.
Feb. 12, 26 and Mar. 4 from 4:30 till 6:30 in Leeper Hall



Ash Wednesday – The Body of Christ

Feb. 22 is Ash Wednesday. It begins the 40 days of preparation for Easter. We will worship that night at 6:30, receiving the mark of Christ or our foreheads with ashes as a symbol of our desire for Jesus to be the head of our body.

Genesis 3:19 (NIV) says "By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." It is a reminder of our mortality! Repentance throughout the scripture is represented by "sackcloth and ashes." The Psalmist declared in Psalm 30:10-12,

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help. You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, that my heart may sing to you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

During Lent, we will provide several resources that will help us observe a holy Lent. Rev. Rita has compiled a devotion booklet that she is giving as her gift to the church during Lent. Each day reminds us of the desire of God to have us come to him as the center of our faith. I will be preaching a series of sermons helping us to draw near to God as the source of our strength. Our world is all about me! During Lent, let's commit to change the priority of our life to the gift of Jesus, Lord, Savior and Redeemer!

THANK YOU

Howie and I want to thank Pastor Paul and Rev. Rita for their prayers, visits, and encouragement during my second surgery. We also want to thank the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits, calls and offers to help. We are happy to be a part of such a caring church.

Thank you,
Nancy Schoen

ANNOUNCEMENT

Joe and Nancy Adams will be celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Their children and grandchildren would like to congratulate them for two reasons. First of all, there would not be a Debbie, Kathy, Bonnie or Nancy Jo . . . a Nathan, Jake, Audrey or Seth if they hadn't gotten married. And more importantly, their loving example has made the Adams family a happy, loving, fun-loving and close-knit group who truly delight in each other's company.

Happy Anniversary to Mom and Dad, Nana and Grandpa

UMW MEETING


The General Meeting of the UMW will be Saturday, February 4 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a short program and business meeting. Upcoming UMW events:

Birthdays Bucks -- Sunday, February 19
Spring Fling -- Saturday, May 5


VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Skyline Medical Center is asking for our help in assisting patients and visitors through their Skyline Auxiliary Volunteer Program. They are recruiting adult volunteers to commit 4 hours per week in the Gift Shoppe to help families or patients, for front desk volunteers and greeters to serve others in the emergency department giving comfort to patients or in their waiting rooms assisting families in their greatest time of need. Please call Skyline Volunteer Office at 615-769-2200 for further information and to receive an application packet. Thank you for your consideration to help our community.

Our 8:20 Worship Service can be heard on
www.sumnercities.com



Youth Tidbits.



Church Wide Super Bowl Party

February 5 - 5:00 to 9:00

Our youth will be hosting a Super Bowl Party for all who want to attend! We hope you will join us for food, fun, fellowship and even a little faith! Please bring a snack to share with the group. We will meet in the Kroll Education Building. We will have the game on two screens with games and activities for the less than avid football fans.

Feeding the Homeless - Saturday, February 11 - We will be working with Lord's Outreach Ministries and going with them to feed the homeless. Meet at the church at 9:45 a.m. We will travel downtown, help prepare and distribute meals, and minister to the homeless. More and more of those that are ministered to are women and children. Afterward we will enjoy a lunch together before returning to Connell around 3:00 p.m.

CSI: Connell - beginning on February 12 we will join our church family as we take a unique and fresh look at the life and ministry of Connell Memorial UMC. Plan on joining us and help us *comb the evidence, search for clues, and investigate the scene* as we seek to discover God's mission and purpose for our church and our youth programs.

Volunteers Needed! We need help cleaning and organizing the Kroll Education Building. Over the past few months we have begun cleaning and organizing this space. We would like to have this completed by the Super Bowl Party on February 5. We will be meeting on Wednesdays from 5:00 to 7:00 to work on this project. If you have a little time please come join us as we work to put this space to the best possible use.

Mission Trips - We currently have two week-long mission trips planned for our youth this summer. Contact David to find out more information and to register for these amazing opportunities of service. We will also be needing help to raise funds for these activities. If you have a great fundraiser idea or know how to ask people for money, give David a call.

Special Offerings

Recovery House: *In Memory of Jason Wesley* -- Alice Cannon, Bill Richardson, Alvin & Gail Clark, Peter & Patricia Flynn, His Helping Hands Group, Marie Hurt, David & Vicki Wilson, Tom & Sandra Kizer, Andrew & Peggy Hanlein and Michael Lowery.

Room in the Inn: *In Memory of Jason Wesley* -- Clifford & Margaret Nealy, Louise Smith, Tom & Retha Freeman, Gray & Mary Potter and Jeanne Winters.

Meals on Wheels: *In Memory of Sally Clark* -- Tom & Retha Freeman, Evelyn Woodrow and Alvin & Gail Clark.

Special Funds: Sidney & Donna Langston *in memory of The April Roarks*; Bill & Debi Richardson and Ryan & Greg McCaskell *in memory of Alph Nichols* and Jim & Alean Blanton *in memory of Dale Blanton*.

Building Fund: Lynn & Beverly Solomon *in memory of Jason Wesley*.

Youth Activities: Diane Manas *in memory of Jason Wesley*.

The Thursday evening group that met at Tom & Mickey Carpenter's at 7:00 will now meet at the Connell library.

REV. RITA'S REMARKS

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CURRICULUM FOR 2012

The children's worship curriculum for 2012 is now available for our volunteers to pick up in the gathering area. The curriculum packets are in order of dates. Please find your assigned dates on the bottom of the envelopes. Your name is on the envelope

KID'S CLUB FOR FEBRUARY

The Kid's Club (4th-6th graders) will meet Sunday, February 19 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have a mission speaker and put together a mission project to help others in our community. We will also enjoy dinner and recreation.

SUPER SENIORS FEBRUARY EVENT

The Super Seniors (55+) will meet Wednesday, February 15 at 11:30 a.m. in Leeper Hall.

David Barton will present our musical program as he shares love songs with us. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck meal.

LOOKING AHEAD IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday) -- Angel Breakfast from 9:30-10:45. Invite your adopted grandparent to attend with you. Delicious breakfast, craft, and special activities in the Kid's Zone area.

Saturday, April 7 -- Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 at Peay Park
Adopt a Grandparent Lunch -- Coming soon. Watch for the date to be announced!



THANK YOU

We all know there are many angels here at Connell -- people who do some really awesome things and don't expect anything in return. Right before the holidays one of these angels blessed my life. I just wanted to say thank you and God bless you.

Scott Pennell

Our Military In Service Overseas

- Jerry Wood, U.S. Army in Iraq, son-in-law of **Elaine and Billy Merryman**
- Maj. Jeremy Davis, U. S. Marines in Libya/Afghanistan **Rhonda Rose's** nephew
- Sgt. Stephen Sheppard, no longer deployed, **Mac Sheppard's** grandson, **Dan and Peggy's** son

Please help us in updating our records by keeping us apprised as to soldiers related to Connell who are no longer deployed. Thank you.

Attendance 1/29/2012					
Sunday School	Visitors Sunday School	People On Retreat	8:20 Service	11:00 Service	Total
149		10	85	130	225

New Prayer Concerns



- Caroline Mundy, granddaughter-in-law of **Tom and Retha Freeman** -- difficult pregnancy. Surgery Monday (1/30) for oversized kidney in Little Rock, Arkansas. Pray for mom and baby.
- Steve Pennington** -- recent kidney procedure. Now home after being hospitalized at Vanderbilt.
- Jim Bean, father of **Ginny Jeffrey** -- hospitalized in ICU at St. Thomas.
- Deen Linker, sister of **Hazel Carter** has breast cancer.
- Sympathy to **Libby Frost** and family in the passing of her brother-in-law, Jim Lorenzini on January 17.
- Mary Anne King, mother of **Nancy Crawford** -- fell and broke her hip. She had surgery on Saturday which went well.
- Ryan Williams, nephew of **Ruth Luthy** has cancer. There will be more tests this week and visits to the cancer doctor. Mr. Williams is only in his 30's.
- Sara Wesley** -- in the death of her son, Jason.
- Charlie Goad's** mother -- doing better and now eating.
- Nancy Schoen** -- now at home.
- Gil Sanes** -- recent biopsy done for growth on thyroid.
- Evelyn & Roy Barber (Cleveland, TN), sister and brother-in-law to the late **Don Scoggins**. Mrs. Barber is taking radiation treatments and Mr. Barber has been hospitalized with possible stroke.
- Bruce Hartman** -- taken to Skyline last week for seizure. Now at home.
- Elaine Aagee, friend of **Davie Deckard** -- having biopsy soon.

On-Going Prayer Concerns

- Steve Haverly, son of **Dot Haverly** - heart transplant.
- Bonnie Stapp, sister of **Dot Haverly** - hospitalized in Maryland.
- Keri Boone, mother of a teammate of **Ana-Carlin's**, has breast cancer
- Jeff Booth, prostate cancer, friend of **Roger and Susan Martin**
- Mary Harper**, member and mother of **Kathy Chrestman**
- Norma Yardley, Holly Wilgus' mom (**Adam Wilgus'** mother-in-law), chemo
- Mary Elizabeth Roberts, sister of **Jo Sanders**
- Sandy Thomas, daughter of a very good friend of **Jo Sanders**, cancer
- Beverly Bordulis, sister of **Nancy Schoen**, chemo treatments
- Tom Carpenter**
- Betty Manor, **Judy Westlake's** mother, Monroe MI
- Phillip and Lori Stegner's** neighbor, Mike, has cancer
- Bob Bender, friend of the **Krueger's** neighbor, acute leukemia
- Kathy Reed, friend of **Sandy Saunders**, lung cancer
- Jimmy Keeble, lung cancer, friend of **Beth Frost**
- Johnnie Taylor, father of co-worker of **Beth Frost**, has cancer
- Florence Tibbs, had several strokes, requested by **Beth Frost**
- Peyton Arnold, great-grandnephew of **Charleen Keller**, has leukemia
- Debbie Kemp, co-worker of **Donna Fields**, has a brain tumor
- Ralph Peeler, lung cancer, friend of **Mike and Barbara Johnson**
- Lori Stegner**

Financial Report for 2012

Budget Receipts for 1/29/12 \$ 6,178.50
Special Offerings: \$ 1,638.00