



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of age." -Matthew 28:19-20

Newsletter # 8

Reidland United Methodist Church

February 21, 2012

From the Pastor's Study



By the time most of you read this, we will have begun our Lenten observances.

The Service of Ashes on Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this season of preparation and reflection. I strongly encourage you to take your Lenten devotions seriously, spending quality time each day in prayer, Bible study, and acts of service to others in Christ's name.

On Sunday mornings, I will be preaching a sermon series entitled, "Journey of Hope", as we travel with Jesus to the cross, discovering along the way that hope can be found even as we encounter some of life's most difficult circumstances.

And I hope that many of you will take up the challenge of following the Lenten World Hunger Offering Calendar that was distributed in worship last Sunday. Sure, I could have simply asked everyone to write a check to combat world hunger. We regularly take donations for the Paducah Cooperative Ministry and other agencies who deal with hunger issues. But the beauty of this calendar is that it causes us to truly reflect on the blessings and abundance that we have. And I have been amazed at how the small, daily contributions have added up.

Another important part of our Lenten observance this year will be a weekly "Soup & Devotions", held each Wednesday at noon at the church. Since Lent is a season of voluntary simplicity, we will meet in the sanctuary for a simple, brief devotion time, then move to the fellowship hall for a soup luncheon. This is a wonderful opportunity for table fellowship, and a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors to your church. We ask only a \$2 donation to defray expenses.

You will hear more about special Holy Week and Easter events as we draw closer to that date.

As you can see, there will be several opportunities for you to grow spiritually during this Lenten season. I hope you will join us as often as you can.

Peace.

Bro. Dave

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, February 21

Fat Tuesday Party at 6pm

Wednesday, February 22

Special Ash Wednesday Services at noon and 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29

Soup & Devotions from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

Parents' Meeting for Confirmation 2012 held immediately after the 10:45 a.m. service in the Paul Pearce Classroom.



Thank God for Wonderful RUMC Preschool

Teachers

**This is an email Mrs. Melinda Warriner received recently, and we at RUMC wanted to pass it along to show you how much your support to such a wonderful program means.*

"Hello, You probably won't remember me, my name is Toni Storie and I attended RU Preschool about 10 years ago. My family (my sister, her dad and my mom) moved from South Africa to Paducah in 2001. Our stay was short and we left in May 2002 to move to England. We were recently looking at all the family pictures and scrapbooks when I came across a photo album that you and the kids from preschool made for me when we left. I apologize for bothering you, but I wanted to let you know how grateful I am for this book containing photos of my time in preschool, as I probably didn't express this when you gave it to me. It's nice to be able to look back on my time there and see what everything was like. Even though I'm only 14, I am thankful, for I will be able to remember things about my time in America that would otherwise be forgotten.

Once again I'm sorry for bothering you, but I had to thank you for doing this for me, even if you don't remember me. I hope everything is going alright at the preschool & church.
~ Toni Storie"

Calendar for the Week

Wednesday, February 22

12 noon Ash Wednesday Service

5:15 p.m. Faith Weaver Friends

6.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. Praise Singer Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23

4:00 p.m. Zumba in the fellowship hall

5:30 p.m. Zumba in the fellowship hall

6:45 p.m. Beth Moore Bible Study

Friday, February 24

Saturday, February 25

10:00 a.m. Zumba in fellowship hall

11:00 a.m. Zumba in fellowship hall

Sunday, February 26

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service

4:30 p.m. Sonlight handbells rehearsal

5:30 p.m. Owlleuia Chimers rehearsal

6:30 p.m. Joyful Ringers rehearsal

Monday, February 27

Tuesday, February 28

Wednesday, February 29

12 noon Soup & Devotions

5:15 p.m. Faith Weavers Friends

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

8:00 p.m. Praise Singer Rehearsal



DON'T FORGET:

TONIGHT is Bro. Dave's 15th Annual Fat Tuesday Party at 6 p.m. Call a friend and come out for a great time of food, fun & live jazz music!

Record of our Faithfulness

February 19, 2012

First Worship Service: 40

Sunday School: 109

Second Worship Service: 165

Offering Received: \$8,145.00

Other Funds: \$441.55

Annual Budget: \$382,922.00

Offering Needed Each Week: \$7,364.00

"Faith Weavers Friends" attendance 2/15/12: 24

Assisting in Worship

Ushers & Greeters

February 26: David & Leah Landis, Robin & Kim Braboy

March 4: David & Debbie Ward, Mike & Phyllis Hamilton

Children's Church (assisting Debbie Ward)

February 26: Gayla Westfall

March 4: Ann Hancock

UMW Gives Special Thanks to Everyone!!

Thank you, UMW ladies and other members for *all* the delicious chocolate desserts. Our sale was outstanding as usual. We saw a lot of smiles on faces from our congregation who had trouble making up their minds. Thanks to everyone, this money will be used for local missions to children and ladies who struggle just to get along everyday. Our purpose as UMW is to know God and develop a creative and supportive fellowship through our church. Come join us!

~ Reidland UMW

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