

TODAY

university united methodist church

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March 2010



Palm Sunday

One Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Service of Confirmation




Sunday School

9:30 a.m.



Sunday Potluck Dinner with the (Church) Family

... following worship service
to recognize new members in 2009
and 2010 confirmation class.



*Bring your covered dish with you when you come to the
worship service, and it will be taken to the kitchen, kept
warm/cool, and set out for the meal.*

COMING EVENTS

KEENAGERS
March 10

ROC
March 5-7

SPICE
March 4, 11, 18

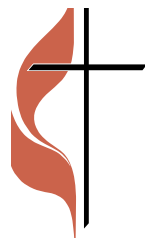
DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME
BEGINS
March 14

MYSTERY
DINNER
THEATER
March 27

PALM SUNDAY
March 28

HOLY WEEK
STUDY
March 29-
April 2

EASTER
April 4



THE MISSION
OF
THE UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH
IS TO MAKE
DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE
TRANSFORMA-
TION OF THE
WORLD.



A letter from Bishop Whitfield

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

2009 was a difficult year for many congregations financially. The national economy began a slow recovery, but many individuals and businesses are suffering from the dramatic decline in 2008 that continued in 2009. I rejoice that in spite of the national situation, most congregations continue to give generously to support their local churches, their district, and the annual conference.

I rejoice and give thanks for your contributions to your Shared Ministries. You contributed 100% of your allocation. You enabled the proclamation of the Gospel and the transformation of people's lives. Students received scholarship, mission-

aries marched into service around the world, more children and youth attended our conference camp, and youth experienced transformation at conference retreat and camping events. I cannot even begin to note the difference your gifts have made in the lives of people and congregations of this Annual Conference.

I personally thank you for what you have done for the financial health of this Annual Conference. Financial resources are essential in carrying out ministry. However, the most important issue is how effectively each congregation enables persons to encounter Jesus Christ, grow toward perfection in love, and

reach a new generation for Christ. I rejoice in your keeping his mission front and center in all that you do.

Please pray for each of the congregations, each pastor, and a special prayer for me as we strive daily to make disciples of Jesus Christ and serve as agents of Jesus Christ as God transforms the world.

Grace & Peace,



BISHOP MAX WHITFIELD

- ❖ At the recent council meeting on Feb. 18, we were greeted by good news—UUMC paid 100% of our shared giving for 2009! The council voted to periodically inform the congregation about current finance/attendance numbers. Jana reported that because of a large insurance payment at the beginning of the year, our cash flow is currently low.
- ❖ BRIGHT BEGINNINGS, our preschool ministry, currently has an enrollment of 64. They are planning a rummage sale for April 10. Each Monday morning, they ask persons from the congregation to come and pray with the staff at 8:15 before their week begins. If you'd like to participate, please contact Megan McGuire at megcrown@hotmail.com.
- ❖ Our recent MISSION PROJECT. Health Kits for Haiti, netted 25 complete kits, plus additional items to be used to complete kits. We also donated \$125 for toothpaste and shipping costs. The next project will be our part of a conference-wide project to purchase bed nets for Mulungwishi, Congo. We have been challenged to raise the cost of one net, \$10, for each person counted for our congregation's average worship attendance (198). The missions committee is looking for creative projects for raising this money. If you have a suggestion, talk to Anne Grant or Mary Ann Martin.
- ❖ The STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE noted that that Michelle has adjusted her hours to help in the office following Kathy Santacroce's resignation.
- ❖ As usual, the UMW has been busy supporting their missions. One of the SPICE studies will be the UMW study, *Food and Faith*. The group is working toward their goal of replacing

the countertops in the church kitchen. They are also setting up an after-school tutoring program for University Hills Elementary students one afternoon a week. Members are invited to create prayer shawls that will be taken to the quadrennial UMW General Assembly 2010, April 30-May 2.

- ❖ Our YOUTH GROUP continues to be active under Dean Davis's direction. They are planning a "Murder Mystery Dinner" fundraiser for Saturday, March 27.
- ❖ The TRUSTEES reported a number of repairs and improvements to the church property. A new programmable lock and crash bar for the door used by the preschool has been purchased. The trustees approved a proposal by Ellen Kemp to install an athletic floor in Fellowship Hall for her Jazzercise classes.
- ❖ On Sunday, March 28, we will observe PALM SUNDAY in a single worship service at 10:30. The service will include the confirmation ritual for our 2010 youth confirmation class led by Dean Davis and Ginger Berry. Following the service, we'll enjoy **Sunday Dinner with the (Church) Family**—a potluck to recognize all who joined UUMC in 2009 as well as our confirmation class. Mark your calendar now!
- ❖ The NEXT COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for April 22. All are welcome to attend and observe the council at work. Please keep us in your prayers!




Presented by UMYF
 Saturday, March 27, 6:00 p.m.
 \$6/plate
 Brisket dinner by chef
 John Townsend

SAVE THE DATE & YOUR STUFF!
Preschool garage sale Apr. 10.



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors

The people of The United Methodist Church®

UMW book club

We will meet Monday, March 8, at 1:00 in the library. Jill Smith will present *No Turning Back*, by Gurdon Brewster.

In the summer of 1961 a young white seminarian from the North volunteered to work at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, living in the home of its legendary pastor, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.—“Daddy King”—and Mrs. King. Gurdon Brewster’s experiences that summer—working in a church in the eye of the Civil Rights storm, witnessing first-hand the realities of racial prejudice, sharing in the vibrant worship of the people, and breakfast table conversations with Daddy King—would transform his understanding of the gospel and change his life forever.

This memoir offers a uniquely intimate portrait of the King family. It describes a time of hope and struggle that must not be forgotten. And through a young man’s memories of Daddy King, it provides an inspiring model of what it means to be fully alive and human. All are welcome to participate in our monthly meetings.



GOD’S PROMISE
BEFORE THEY CALL I WILL
ANSWER, WHILE THEY ARE YET
SPEAKING I WILL HEAR.

Isaiah 65:24

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

The people of Haiti and Chile

*Louis Roye (A. Christmas 3/7)
 *Alison Lukowski (D&ML Jones 3/7)
 *Laura DeMouche (3/7)
 *Cera Allen (K. Allen 3/7)
 Family and friends of Cameron Acosta (G. Berry 2/28)
 Eddie Baca and family (C. Johnson 2/28)
 Family and friends of Dale Beer (R. Walker 2/14)
 Gary Benally and all who are out of work (N. Bustos 2/14)
 Nick Bustos (2/28)
 Jessica Gonzales (J. Russell 2/21)
 Luke Gustafson (E. Kemp 2/14)
 Betty Harris (1/31)
 Tom Hartman (E. Kemp 2/14)
 Janet Kunkel (P. Lampe 2/21)
 Spencer Lacy (S. Lacy 2/21)
 Family and friends of Yolanda Longoria (B. Amador 2/21)
 Phyllis Martin (1/31)
 Family and friends of Beverly Michaelis (G. Donart 1/31)
 Daniel Parrott (L. Parrott 2/14)
 Mark Smith (R. Walker 2/14)
 Family and friends of Melissa Sterling (S. Meloy 1/31)
 Family and friends of Mark Sutter (Weirs 2/14)
 Jeanette Valdez (G. Rivera 2/21)
 C. W. Ward (1/31)
 Family and friends of Nick Warden (D. Eacret 1/31)
 Geneva and Dore Wyatt (ML Jones 2/21)

ONGOING PRAYER

Norma Buchanan Barbara Carden
 Edie Fariss (S. Pieper)
 Tammy Gates (J.E. Walker)
 Carla Gould (S. Pieper) Madelyn Harris
 Ted Holcomb Ruth Kennon
 Alice Ann Kirkpatrick
 Anthony Johnson (J. Smith)
 Martin Kubaczek (M. Peck)
 Charles Lackey (B. Townsend)
 Aeran McAllister (S. Pieper)
 Suzanne Magill (A. Christmas)
 Wayne Moss Doug Pettey
 Phillips Chapel CME (L. Ranelis)
 Lucille Remington
 Kristin Robles (S. Pieper)
 Sally Root Madie Teel
 Linda Wofford Bobbie York (C. Webb)

MILITARY

278th TN National Guard unit
 Lt. Col. David Kiefer (L. Parrott)
 Glen Sneddon
 Christopher Jones (ML Jones)
 Capt. Mat Zulauf (N. Baker)
 AF Sgt. Ben Koren
 Capt. Ivan Alvarado (Davises)
 Maj. Robert Dean Davis (Davises)
 Lance Cpl. Travis Dodson (Glenns)
 Mary & Aaron Robinson (Lockes)
 Staff Sgt. Steven Hartmann (C. Lindemann)
 Col. Ron Buckley (Buckleys)
 Staff Sgt. Trent Boone (K. Santacroce)

KEENAGERS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

11:30 A.M.

BRING A LARGE COVERED DISH.



Special prayer concerns

Please remember our church, our staff-parish committee, our district superintendent, as well as our bishop and his cabinet, as they select a new pastor for our congregation. The new pastor will come on July 1, following David's retirement on June 30.

Also, please keep Wesley Foundation, the Wesley board, the DS, the bishop, and the cabinet in your prayers as they select a new Wesley Foundation director to succeed Jan Archey, who is also retiring.

Emergency food emergency

Jana’s Sack Lunch Ministry—our supply of food that we give to those in need on almost a daily basis—IS EMPTY!

We need non-perishable food items (canned foods with pop top lids, snack-pack puddings, applesauce, cracker packs, etc.). Please donate single serving canned items only, as each bag is packed for one person only; larger cans are too heavy and tear the bags..

Please add a couple of items to your grocery basket this week and bring them to the office so we can replenish the pantry. Thank you for your faithfulness in this everyday mission here at UUMC.



HOLY WEEK

We are joining with the other United Methodist churches in Las Cruces for a Holy Week Bible study to be held at St. Paul’s UMC from 11:45-12:45, March 29-April 2. Each church will bring a presentation during the week, and UUMC is responsible for Monday.

A soup/sandwich lunch will be provided by St. Paul’s Cooking for Christ ministry, and a donation will be appreciated.



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*UUMC Keenagers
 December 2009*



CALENDAR ~~~MARCH 2010 ~~~ UNIVERSITY UMC

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Confirmation class 5:30	2 SOUP KITCHEN Esther class 6:30	3 Upper Room Prayer Group, 9:30 (weekly) 10:30 Palm Sunday planning Choir 6:30 (weekly)	4 Jesus, the One & Only 10:00 SPICE 5:45	5 ROC for mid high youth, Sacramento through Sunday	6 UMW planning 9:00
7 Youth bell choir 3:00 (weekly) Adult bell choir 4:00 (weekly)	8 UMW book club 1:00 Confirmation class 5:30	9 Esther class 6:30 SPRC 6:30	10 KEENAGERS 11:30	11 Jesus, the One & Only 10:00 SPICE 5:45	12	13 UMW District meeting, El Paso
14 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS One Great Hour of Sharing Youth parents 4:00	15	16 Worship committee 4:00 Esther class 6:30 Circle meetings	17	18 Jesus, the One & Only 10:00 SPICE 5:45	19	20
21	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23 Trustees 7:00	24	25 UM MEN 7:30 A.M. Jesus, the One & Only 10:00	26	27 Youth Mystery Dinner Theater 6:00
28 PALM SUNDAY	29 Holy Week Study 11:45 St. Paul's	30 Holy Week Study 11:45 St. Paul's	31 Holy Week Study 11:45 St. Paul's	HOLY WEEK		

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