

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors
The people of the United Methodist Church

Worship - June 22, 2008

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sermon "Preparing for the Holy Spirit" Rev. Perry Shelfer

Scripture 1 Samuel 16:13; Acts 2:37-38;
Ephesians 5: 18-20

The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary by Art and Jan Taylor to God's glory and in honor and celebration of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Worship - June 29, 2008 - 11:00 a.m.

Sermon: "Responding to the Question" Rev. Perry Shelfer

Scripture: Acts 16:23-31

The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary by Bob and Jackie Dasher to God's glory and in honor of the Martinez United Methodist Church family.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

"Bear one another's burden and so fulfill the law of Christ."

(Gal.6: 2)

First Prayer Chain

706-860-6183, 803-827-1524

706-860-9962, 706-868-6766

Second Prayer Chain

706-860-0851, 706-364-3789

706-863-6844

(To activate the prayer chain, call the first number on each prayer chain.)

Our Prayers: Louise Grimes, Claire Scott, Juanita Black, Betty Breitmann, Joe, Scalabrin, SFC Graham Sapp, Amanda Cole, JC, Gwen, Mary Collier-Metcalf, DCAJ, Neal Jewett, Jennifer Manion, Andrew, Wayne Quarles, Jean Waters, Margaret Lee, Jay, Goldie, Julie & family, Jennifer & family, June, Jack, Mamie, Joseph, Andrea, Riley, David, Ellen, Eric & Jennifer, Pat, Judy & Vinny, Carol & kids, Diana, Shirley, Karen & Sarah, Eloise & Michael, Lena, Trevor, Tyler, Tanner, Bob, John, Kenny, Stacy, Stephen, Sarah, Chris, DeDe, Padgett, Jimmy, Taylor, Ben, Will, Tom, Dee Beck, Karen Nevins, Winston, Ginger, Janice, Minnie, Frasers, Elizabeth Aiken, Lewczyks, Marion Winter, Winston K., Martha Bowman, Allan Hamilton, John Shultzaberger, Dee Beck, Karen Nevins, Betty Buitmann, Brent Kleidman, Becky, Lee, Ann, PJ & family, Grace & family, Patrick, James, Paul & Phyllis Hyatt, Paul II, Megan, Jennie & Murphy, Jim & Ginny, Lee, Ann, PJ & family, Grace & family, Amy Kitchens, Pruitt family, Pat, Diana, Stephanie, Ernie

Westwood Health Care: Louise Grimes

Our Visitors: (June 15) Dennis Starkey, Rodney Abercromie and Rodney, Jr.

Welcome new members...

James "Jim" Floyd comes to us by transfer from another denomination and will be added to the Professing Membership Roll. Jim's wife, Pam, is a member of Martinez United Methodist Church.

James Riley Kitchens, son of Joseph and Andrea Kitchens, received the Sacrament of Baptism and will be added to the Baptized Membership Roll.

Special "thanks" to all who had a part in planning the Homecoming Worship Service and the meal. Many of you worked very hard so that we could all enjoy this special day. A special thank you to Linda Hatch for the preplanning that she did as special event coordinator. We want to thank Trilla Wheeler, Mary Pollett, Murph and Jennie Murphy, Raymond Gurley and Stella Davis. These people were on kitchen duty throughout the day. There were many helpers and we appreciate all who helped in any way. To Laura Meers we say "thanks" for the great work you did to prepare the Homecoming Booklet. Thanks to Joseph Kitchens for the outstanding Cover Art, and thanks to all who responded to the three questions. (We have extra booklets in the office if your family did not get one on Homecoming Day.)

Spiritual Warriors' Prayer Groups

Group 3 - 3RD Thursday, 10:00 a.m. (June 19)

Facilitator: Steve Russ Call for location - 706-855-9592

Group #4 - 4th Sunday, 12:15 p.m. at the Church

(June 22, Room 104)

Facilitator: Jennie Hyatt (706-798-2191)

Training for Liturgists and Adults

Assisting with Communion

Training for those serving as Liturgists and adults assisting with **Communion will be provided. The training is scheduled for Sunday, June 29th** following the Pig Pickin' at approximately 1:00 p.m. Please attend. This will be led by the pastor.

Amazing Greys

August 1, 2008

Fort Gordon Dinner Theater to see Nonsense

They're back! Those wacky nuns you have come to love in this hilarious new Nonsense musical. Their musical mischief will have you rolling on the decks and push you overboard with laughter. The cost for dinner and the play is \$36.00. We have a limited number of tickets, so call early to reserve. The under 50 group are welcome also. Call Erma Keith 706-868-7246 or Connie Buckley 706-863-0727 to reserve your ticket.

Amazing Greys...Reserve the date...

October 22, 2008

We will be going to the Miracle Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee to see:

The Miracle a Spectacular Hit Musical...the most exciting and inspirational show in the Smokies! You will view a magnificent aerial battle, celebrate the birth of Christ and experience the birth of Christ and experience His miracles anew. Your heart will break as you witness Christ's betrayal, trial, and crucifixion but will soar with joy as He conquers Death and the Grave and ascends to His Father in Heaven. With spectacular special effects, thrilling music and beautiful dance. The show brings the Word beautifully to life in Sound and Spirit!

We hope to also experience the colorful leaf changing in the Smokies. We will be driving, several people have vans and can take more riders. We will be staying at a motel near the theater. More details to follow, but if you are interested in this wonderful opportunity, please contact me now to reserve. Ticket cost is \$41.20, or less if more folks go **plus** the cost of the motel.

Lots of things going on in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg this time of year, lots of shopping (ladies), Dollywood, Blackwood Breakfast variety show, Black Bear Jamboree, and wonderful places to eat. Call early to reserve your ticket. Erma Keith 706-868-7246

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 22

8:30 and 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:50 am - Sunday School
12:15 pm - Spiritual Warriors' Prayer Group #4 (Room 104)
12:15 pm - Master's Class (Fellowship Hall/Kitchen)
2:00 pm - Staff/Parish Relations Committee (Room 104)

Monday, June 23

10:00 am - Staff Meeting (104)
7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 15 (Rms. 303,305,307)

Tuesday, June 24

9:00 am - Sew & So's (Crafting for Missions) (104)
6:30 pm - Brownie Troop (203)
8:00 pm - AA, ACOA, Alateen, Ala-Anon (Education Wing)

Wednesday, June 25

River of Life Mission work begins in Lincoln

Friday, June 27

8:00 pm - AA, ACOA, Alateen, (Education Wing)

Saturday, June 28

UMM set-up Fellowship Hall for Pig Pickin'

Sunday, June 29

9:50 am - Sunday School
11:00 am. - Worship Service
Followed by annual Pig Pickin' (Fellowship Hall)
1:00 pm - Liturgist Training (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 30

7:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 15 (Rms. 303,305,307)

Tuesday, July 1

9:00 am - Sew & So's (Crafting for Missions) (104)
8:00 pm - AA, ACOA, Alateen, Ala-Anon (Education Wing)

Thursday, July 3

10:00 am - Spiritual Warriors' Prayer Group #1 (104)

Friday, July 4

8:00 pm - AA, ACOA, Alateen, (Education Wing)

Regular Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The Church Office will be **closed Thursday, July 3rd** in observance of Independence Day.

The next Connection will be mailed Wednesday, July 2nd.
Deadline for information is Monday, June 30th.



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Annual Pig Pickin'

Sunday, June 29

The United Methodist Men cordially invite the congregation to the annual picnic - affectionally called the Pig Pickin'. There is no charge for this event as the United Methodist Men provide this event as a "Thank You" to the church for all of your support during the Christmas tree and onion sales. The United Methodist Men will begin serving shortly after the 11:00 worship service. Come and join us. There will be great food, fun and fellowship and a time to welcome Rev. Shelfer and Cindy back to Martinez.

The schedule for Sunday, June 29, is as

follows: No 8:30 a.m. Worship Service

9:50 a.m. - Sunday School

(There will be no fellowship time before Sunday School.)

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

Pig Pickin' following the 11:00 worship service.

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Vacation Bible School **will resume on Wednesday, July 9th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Thanks to those who brought VBS science lab materials. Some items are no longer needed. Needed items are molding clay, gallon distilled water and plastic drop cloth. Please

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new address. Thanks for your help!

Columbia County Cares

You have donated 122 pounds of food to Columbia County Cares in May! This makes 443 pounds so far this year. Remember our goal for 2008 is 1400 pounds - enough to supplement 35 families for one month.

Peanut Butter and Jelly are the most needed foods during June at Columbia County Cares. Thank you for your help. Baskets are available in the narthex and office hall for you to place food.

UMW Yard Sale

July 26, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Inside and Outside - Rain or Shine

For this sale we will also have table rentals available for \$20.00 each. For donations, information, or to help with the sale contact Delores Entrekin, 706-854-9172, or Helen Fye, 706-210-1926.

Opportunity for Service

Volunteers from Martinez United Methodist Church will serve at the **Master's Table Soup Kitchen on Saturday, August 30 and Saturday, November 22**. We need a minimum of six people for each date. **There is a sign up sheet on the Missions Bulletin Board in the hallway.** Please consider going with us to help in this outreach project for our church on one or both of these dates.

The Church Office needs your help...

If you are going to have a change of address, it is very important that you give your **new address to the church office in advance.** You can give us the date the address will be effective and we will change it accordingly. Also, if you are going to be temporarily away, please let us know and we will not mail you a newsletter until you return. The reason for this request is that newsletters are not forwarded but returned to the church. There is a "return service requested" on the newsletter. For every newsletter returned the church pays forty-two cents in order to keep our membership mail list updated. Sometimes we mail out several before we get the

Children's Summer "Sunsation"

The Children's Ministry continues its Summer Sensation programs for ages 4-12.

Date: Monday, July 14th

Time: 11AM - 1:30PM

Event/Place: Jumpin' Party Zone, 4495 Columbia Road, Martinez

Additional Information: Parents, please drop off and pick up your children at Jumpin' Party Zone.

All Monday Summer Sensation programs are free of charge, and lunch will be provided. We request that you register your child, or children so we can have a count for planning purposes. If you require help with transportation, please contact Linda Hatch at 706-414-0386.

Registration forms are on the table in the office hall.

White Oak Summer Campmeeting

Sunday, June 22 through Friday, 27, 2008

Services 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 a.m

Morning Services: 11:00 a.m. Monday through Friday

Preaching: Rev. Sue Meehan Song Leader: Rev. Gary Dean

Pianist: Mary Edith Kirkland Organist: Rufus Hixon

Evening Services 8:00 p.m.

(Rev. Gary Dean will be the Song Leader)

Sunday: Preaching - Rev. Gary Porterfield, Wesley UMC

Choir: Wesley UMC

Monday: Preaching - Rev. Dave Hinson, Lincoln UMC

Choir: Lincoln UMC

Tuesday: Preaching - Rev. Carolyn Moore, Mosiac UMC

Choir: Mosiac UMC

Wednesday: Preaching - Rev. John Kenney, The Quest

Choir: The Quest UMC

Thursday: Preaching - Rev. Dane Wagner, St. Mark UMC

Choir: St. Mark UMC

Friday: Preaching - Rev. Gail Seibert, Washington First

Choir: Washington First UMC

