

# PERRYVILLE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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EASTER IS LATE THIS YEAR. IT IS ALMOST AS LATE AS IT CAN BE. The date for Easter is determined by the full moon after the Spring Equinox. I can give you the exact statement on how that is determined, if you would like that.

Easter is tied to the Passover Feast date. Remember that Jesus had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover with his followers. The Feast, during which Jesus instituted The Last Supper or the Lord's Supper, was the Passover Feast. The disciples had been sent into Jerusalem to prepare for the Passover Feast in an upper room.

The Passover Feast was instituted during the time of Moses when the spirit of death "passed over" the residences of the Hebrews who had smeared the blood of the sacrificed lambs on their doorposts.

We sometimes remember that the Passover Feast was being celebrated when Jesus took the bread and the cup and blessed them and shared them with his followers. But sometimes we forget. What is most important about the Lord's Supper is that the elements



February 6—5th Sunday after Epiphany—Holy Communion—[Isaiah 58: 1-9a](#); [Psalm 112: 1-10](#); [1 Corinthians 2: 1-12](#); [Matthew 5: 13-20](#). "What God Wants." The prophet speaks about sacrifice and fasting. He speaks about injustice and oppression.

February 13—6th Sunday after Epiphany—[Deuteronomy 30: 15-20](#); [Psalm 119: 1-8](#); [1 Corinthians 3: 1-9](#); [Matthew 5: 21-37](#). "Old Covenant or New." As Jesus teaches about the New Covenant in relation to the Old covenant, he reminds us that

stand for the body and blood of Jesus given for us.

Sylvia (not her real name) had not received the Lord's Supper anytime during the time that I was her pastor. When we talked about that, she said, "I don't feel worthy enough to receive Communion." Even when we confess our sins during the ritual for Holy Communion, we may still feel that we are not worthy enough to receive the elements of Holy Communion. Even when the words of pardon are shared, there may be that inner voice that says our sin is so great that we can't be forgiven. The last Sunday that I was her pastor, we received Holy Communion. Sylvia came forward to receive. She knelt at the Communion rail. She cupped her hands to receive the bread, and her eyes were filled with tears.

We got to talk after the service. She said that this was the first time she had ever received Holy Communion in the United Methodist Church (formerly a Baptist). She said that this was the most awesome experience of her life. There was fear on her face along with the tears of joy.

I hope that she continued to receive Holy Communion—that this wasn't just for me that she received the elements.

When we celebrate the giving of the bread and the cup, we do so to remember that what Jesus did for us was so great a gift—so great a value—that he gave everything he had (his body and blood) for us. Thank you, Lord. Bro. David

we are follow the New Covenant.

February 20—7th Sunday after Epiphany—[Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18](#); [Psalm 119: 33-40](#); [1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23](#); [Matthew 5: 38-48](#). "And Cat Walks Fall." Christ is the foundation upon which all else is built.

February 27—8th Sunday after Epiphany—[Isaiah 49: 8-16a](#); [Psalm 1319](#); [1 Corinthians 4: 1-5](#); [Matthew 6: 24-33](#). "Jesus Is Judge." It is through God that we are judged. Whatever is hidden will be revealed.



**The Pastor Will Be Away**

*Bro. David will be gone Jan. 31 - Feb. 4th. He will be at Lake Junalaska, NC. He will be participating in the National Camp and Retreat Center Workshop, because he is a member of the Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee.*

## Christmas Gifts to our Church Family

The Bakers want to bless you in the new year with a stick-on calendar. Our gift to you is a small calendar which you can post on the refrigerator, in the car, near the computer, or wherever you need to keep up with the date. We invite you to plan to share each of the Sundays of 2011 with your church family in Sunday School and Worship.

Also, as a gift from your church—the key chain calendars are available for everyone. Please pick up one and use it during the year.

# Stewardship is HEART WORK

*I will be loyal to U.M.C and support it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."*



THOSE IN NURSING HOMES - Marge Dickson, Ann Walker

THOSE SEEKING HEALTH & HEALING - Carol Allen, Carl & Opal Boshears, Sarah Beeks, Mary Bridges, Kate Cole&Family, Steve Collins, Sarah Collins, Annie Dodson, Tandy Jones, Tom Kelley, Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Carolyn & Danny Myers, James Teel, Joe Tipton, Don Weiss, David Womack

*Church Attendance Church Finances*

**PRESENCE:** During the four week period of December 26 through January 23, 2011 we averaged 32 people in Sunday School and 63 in Worship Service.

## SERVICE & WITNESS

### Conference Apportionments

The Conference Apportionments for 2011 have been set and are in our Church Budget. The Conference Apportionments are our fair share of the expenses of the Arkansas Annual Conference, the South Central Jurisdiction, and the General Church. Most of our apportionments come from the Annual Conference: Pension contributions and insurance for the retired clergy, salaries, operating budgets for the agencies of the Conference and institutions within Arkansas, and ministries of the Annual Conference. We receive some apportioned items from our Jurisdictional ministries and the General Church for its ministries.

Slightly more than half of our apportionments are for Ministerial Support, which includes the pension and insurance items listed above.

During 2011, you will be invited to Adopt an Apportionment for this year. You may also make extra gifts to the church which you designate to Apportionments."

Let's plan to meet our Conference Apportionments at 100% for 2011.

## GIFTS

Month of 12/26-1/23



**Finance  
Update**

Operating Fund  
\$ 9,496.97  
Building Fund  
\$ 1,587.50  
Designated Giving  
\$ 1,622.64

### Our Mission Statement

The mission of the Perryville United Methodist Church is to make followers of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness, and we are to serve as a Connection Center between God, Church, and Community.

### From the Finance Committee:

The Building Fund is getting low. As you are able, please plan to make some contributions to the Building Fund. The Connection Center payment is \$2,500 per month. Recently we have been receiving about \$1,500 per month. You can see that we are falling short of the needed amount each month. We are thankful that there was a surplus in the Building Fund.

The Finance Committee is considering having a Commitment Program for the Building Fund. Please be ready to make a new commitment for our Building Fund when the program is announced.

The Finance Committee set their regular meeting time to be the Sunday before the regularly scheduled Church Council meeting. The Committee will plan to meet as soon as possible after morning worship.

# Children's Sunday School



## Our Children Need YOU!

God made a covenant with us and *keeps* the promise. Make a promise to our children this year. *Covenant to become involved at some level with our children's program. You'll be glad you did... (God and the children will smile!)*



It takes over 1,000 years for a computer printer cartridge to decompose. Do your part to recycle! There are boxes in the hallway for your old **printer cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones.** While you're at it... bring in your old **eyeglasses** for the Lion's Club box!

## VITAL SIGNS

Join us for a day of worship, training, and discussion centered around the vitality and effectiveness of our congregations."

Vital Signs will be held at First United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, on April 16. Registration starts at 8:30 am, and the cost is \$15 per person. The Registration deadline is the first week of April. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Gil Rendle, consultant for Imagine Ministry for our Conference.

There will be nine workshops from which we may choose two. 1. Stiving for Excellence and Accountability in Ministry. 2. Mission Field Ministry. 3. A Call to Action: Reordering the Life of the Church. 4. Revitalization and The United Methodist Way. 5. Addressing Our Unique Ministry Opportunities. 6. Who is our neighbor? Serving the needs of your unique community. 7. Funding your congregation's ministries through grant writing. 8. Older Adult Ministry: Identifying and meeting the needs of older adults. 9. Sound financial practices in the local church. More information on these will be shared through announcements.

People in hungry. The there are no Pick up one of shopping list



Perry County are still holidays are over and more "special baskets". the canvas bags with a attached, located in the narthex. Return the bag to the church, filled with those items. Do your part to eliminate hunger. Make someone's day. Feed God's children.

## Delivery Schedule- Meals on Wheels

No deliveries for the month of February - will start up again first of March.

## Food For Thought

### Meals On Wheels

Perryville UMC is actively involved in delivering Meals on Wheels and we are in need of more volunteers. *If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to this cause, please call Katherine Keough at 889-3271.*

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**January's food offering - We donated 60 pounds of misc. items this month.**

**February Third Sunday Food Offering:** Just pick up a bag in the Narthex - and Thanks!



Due to weather problems the Angel Food has changed order and delivery dates. Menus for February will be available in the office and the Post Office and Partners for Progress.



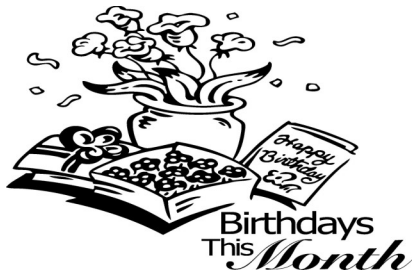
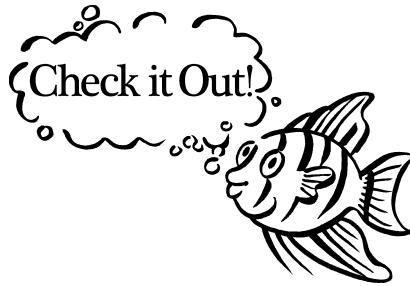
*U.M.W.*



## Fellowship Group

**FELLOWSHIP CLUB:** The former "Couple's Club" will be having their first organizational meeting on Saturday evening, February 5, at 6 o'clock in the Parlor. We are inviting everyone in the congregation to come out this evening to plan for our year's activities. We want to include anyone that is interested in fellowship, fun and games. Present members will be providing light snacks and drinks. If you have any questions, please call Lester and Ida Rose at 889-5493.

Financial Peace University Class starts this month. The first class is free! It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the Connection Center. Come check out the first class on Feb. 1st. *Remember* the first one is free.



### Birthdays This Month

Zachary Gattis	2 - 1	Dylan Crowder	2 - 22
Peggy Davis	2 - 4	Pyke VanDalsem	2 - 22
Charla Edwards	2 - 4	Grant Rives	2 - 23
Sarah Hyatt	2 - 10	Jerry Cole	2 - 25
Kenneth Kline	2 - 17	Jenni Langston	2 - 25
Michelle Hill	2 - 17	Joe Tipton	2 - 25
Joe Parker	2 - 17		



Rick & Vicky Fletcher	2 - 8
Nick & Jessica Spinks	2 - 13
Bob & Linda Wyatt	2 - 15
Bill & Dona Laywell	2 - 15
Norman & Dixie Martin	2 - 28

## FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

- Sat. Feb. 5 6:00 pm - Fellowship Club
- Sun. Feb. 6 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
Playground Committee
- Wed. Feb. 9 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Feb. 10 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. Feb. 13 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service  
4:00 pm - Outreach Committee meeting
- Mon. Feb. 14 *Valentines Day*
- Wed. Feb. 16 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Feb. 17 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. Feb. 20 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service
- Mon. Feb. 21 - **Newsletter Deadline**
- Wed. Feb 23 6:00 pm - Handbells  
7:00 pm - Choir Practice
- Thurs. Feb. 24 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee
- Sun. Feb. 27 9:45 am - Sunday School  
11:00 am - Worship Service

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**Our Staff:**

Pastor..... Rev. David E. Baker

Minister of Youth.....

Minister of Music..... Steve Collins

Pianist..... Lee Kelm

Secretary..... Becky Camp

Custodian..... Nate Spinks

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*  
*Sunday School 9:45 AM*  
*Worship service 11:00 AM*



Sunday, February 6th, there will be a Playground Committee meeting after Worship Service.

Sunday, February 13th, there will be an Outreach Committee meeting at 4:00 pm.



*You don't have to be a woman or a member of UMW to join the UMW Reading Program! And there are plenty of titles from which to choose. You'll be challenged, intrigued, uplifted and amazed as you enjoy books in five categories: Spiritual Growth, Social Action, Leadership Development, Education for Mission and Nurturing for Community. Several are available for check out in our church library. So, check it out...TODAY!*

**JANUARY WORKERS ARE:**

C.H.I.M.E.S

Jenni Langston  
Jennifer Malin

LITURGIST

6th Melinda Collins  
13th Dan Gudahl  
20th Jenni Langston  
27th Dixie Martin

USHERS

Arnie & Eleanor Jester  
Ben Hyatt Andy Gill

COMMUNION WORKERS

Dan & Ana Gudahl and Katherine Keough

GREETERS

Becky Camp  
Brenda Reeder

*February Bread Angel is Carla Kelley*

Snacks for February: 6th Kelley 13th Collins  
20th Gudahl 27th Langston