

**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010**

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 11, 2010

Dear Friends:

What a joy to be together in worship each Sunday. While it was cold outside, inside FUMC it was warm with the presence of the Holy spirit and fellowship with one another. Thanks to the Sanctuary East Praise Band, Jennifer Scoble, Chris Jacobs, FirstSong and the Claim His Name Music Ensemble. All of you were outstanding and deeply appreciated for all you do. We are blessed to have so many musically talented persons in our church family.

What a great Columbia District Training Event we had on Sunday afternoon. Once again the FUMC faith community rose to the occasion of hosting this event. The refreshments were delicious, the time of worship inspiring, the workshop leadership enlightening, the greeters helpful, and everyone else who played a role in making our guests feel at home while they were with us. I knew that you would be good, but you exceeded even what I thought you would do. Everyone left here knowing that FUMC is a place of great hospitality. Thanks for a job well done!!

Thanks also to everyone who helped make our 2010 Confirmation Class Retreat such an amazing success. With 30+ confirmands spending the night on the 3rd floor with games, devotional times, Bible studies, etc., it was a full retreat to start them off well for their 16 week journey of faith development. My thanks to everyone who helped to make this time so special for this class. I encourage all of us to pray daily for members of this class, their parents, and faith friends. May these weeks be a time of spiritual discernment, growth, and maturing for each of these amazing children.

Each year the Staff Parish Relations Committee is asked to make a preference recommendation to the bishop and cabinet regarding appointed staff persons for the upcoming conference year which begins in July. This is only a preference with the final decision being made by the resident bishop of the conference. The committee must choose from the following options: RETURN, MOVE, or EITHER. The SPRC of Franklin First meet on a regular basis to evaluate the health of our church and the leadership provided by the staff, both appointed and hired, in all areas of ministry. The SPRC would like to hear from you any comments you would like to make in relationship to this annual recommendation. Those under episcopal appointment are Vona Wilson, Mark Coursey, Becky Peeler, and me. Here are the SPRC members you can contact: Pitts Hinson - 791-6534, Helen Babb - 794-2520, Kristi Earwood - 794-3174, Connie Clark - 790-0333, Melissa Seehorn - 599-5251, Chris Vernon - 599-4302, Bill Aldrich - 599-6378, Peder Jensen - 717-7594, Jane Miller - 790-3945.

Remember that while our Legacy of Faith Capital Campaign has ended, advance gifts to our upcoming capital campaign can be made by noting on your check "2010 Capital Campaign." Thanks for helping us in this endeavor. While many challenges are before us our God is greater than all of them. With complete confidence we move forward believing, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,

Lynn

## FIRST KIDS

**Created by God**, a human sexuality workshop for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be held **Feb. 18 – 20, 2010**. All 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders and their parents should have received a letter with complete schedule details and a registration form. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the Children's Ministry staff. Please return registration form by **Feb. 11, 2010**. Please do not register your child before receiving the letter. **The workshop is limited to a maximum of 35 students on a first come, first served basis.**

Also needed for this workshop to happen are **10 Adults** willing to offer their leadership during this weekend. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Becky Peeler (794-2734) or sign up on the Mission Menu.

**Children's Ministry Options on Wednesday nights** provide a time for learning and building relationships with other children and adults. There is a need for adults who love God and love children to help lead or shepherd our Children's Wednesday night programs. If you can help or need more information, contact Becky Peeler ([bpeeler@franklinfumc.org](mailto:bpeeler@franklinfumc.org)) or Sarah Carty ([scarty@franklinfumc.org](mailto:scarty@franklinfumc.org)).

Make Your Plans... **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES ARE JUNE 21 – 24, 2010!!!**

For more news about Children's Ministry, check out the children's page of the church's website, [www.franklinfumc.org](http://www.franklinfumc.org).

## FELLOWSHIP

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study** will be studying Max Lucado's 3:16. The first lesson begins January 12. Books will be available from now through January 12 (\$25). The class, led by Vicky Crigger, meets each Tuesday at 7:00 am in the Horace Edgmon classroom. For more information, call Vicky Crigger at (615) 207-4159.

**The UMW Executive Committee** will hold its quarterly meeting on Sunday, January 24 at 4:00 pm in the Horace Edgmon room. All Unit officers should attend and all UMW members are welcome. Call Amy Martin with questions at 790-9514.

**Hebrews Bible Study** - Rev. Vona Wilson is teaching a bible study on Hebrews in 2010. The group will meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am in B101 beginning January 13 and ending April 28. Feel free to invite someone from the community to come join us as we study God's word and seek to find application of that wisdom for our lives.

**Attention Ladies!!** On Tuesday, January 26, we will begin a new, six-week Bible study for women using the book, *Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed, A Study of David*. The class meets in the Horace Edgmon room from 10:00 am to noon. The first class meeting will be used to get organized and to purchase the book, which sells for \$12.95. Contact Judy Barnhill by January 22 at 790-8128 or [barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net](mailto:barnhilljudy@bellsouth.net) if interested.

**The Lay Leadership Mission-Vision Outcome Team** is hosting three leadership conferences in 2010 on January 23, April 10, and September 25. The purpose is to give our committee and team leaders an opportunity to receive inspiration, helpful ideas and great teaching from some of the best resources we have available. Many of these resources will be from speakers at national ministry conferences. You will have time to brainstorm and discuss ways to keep your committees and teams inspired and how this teaching applies to your work in the church. We appreciate what you give to the church in time and talent. This is one way we can support and encourage your growth as spiritual leaders. All committee and team leaders are invited as well as anyone in the church who desires to grow in their leadership gift. Registration for the January session ends on Jan 16. Register online.

**Prayer Teams - Our church is strengthened** by the prayers of the people. On Sunday mornings we have three times specifically set aside for prayer. Please consider being a part of this ministry where faithful people give just a few minutes on Sunday morning to pray for the people who are coming to encounter Christ, for those leading and teaching, and for specific needs of the church that week. If you have 15-20 minutes to offer in prayer to God please show up in one of these places. A prayer list will be waiting for you!

Sunday morning prayer times are as follows:

- 8:00-9:00 am. Walking prayer around the perimeter of the downtown campus. (on your own; no list)
- 8:30 am. Third Floor Prayer Chapel (prayer list provided in chapel)
- 10:00 am. Prayer Room of the Historic Sanctuary (prayer list provided in prayer room)

On Wednesday and Saturday mornings there are Prayer Walks on the North Campus at 8:00 am.



**The Fruit of the Spirit Class** Disciple Bible study of the book of John starts January 17 at 9:00 am in the Historic Sanctuary basement. Books are available on January 10 and cost \$8.80. The class will be lead by Karen Lowery.

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

**61<sup>st</sup> Avenue United Methodist** provides a healthy meal every Saturday night for people coming to bible study and worship. The church depends on the faithful service of others to provide and serve the meal. A typical meal serves 65 people beginning at 4:30 pm. To volunteer your small group, Sunday School Class, or family for this service to those in need, please contact Brenda Hix at 615-292-7184 or speak to anyone at 61<sup>st</sup> Ave. Right now nearly every Saturday night in 2010 is open! If you are looking for a place to be in service as a family this is an excellent family project. Get a couple of other families to join and then stay over for worship. You will be blessed!

**Please remember when ordering** your Girl Scout cookies to order extra boxes to be sent overseas to our service men and women.



**Travel size toothpastes, toothbrushes, combs** and chap sticks, packages of t-shirts and tube socks are needed for toiletry bags we make for our Room in the Inn guests. If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to the church office. Thanks!

**The Room in the Inn clothes closet** is in great need of women's large and extra large pants and sweatpants and men's large and extra large sweatpants. Other needs are adult winter coats, and new men's undershirts in sizes XL, 2XL and 3XL.

**415 Student Ministries** needs a new Synergy Sunday night food coordinator for the next semester, beginning January 2010 and beyond! Meals are served from 5:30 to 6:00 pm on the third floor. If there are any closet caterers out there who want to help feed hungry teenagers on Sunday nights, contact [Helen@415youth.com](mailto:Helen@415youth.com) for more details. We need you!

**Enjoy Freedom from Financial Stress.** Use budgeting and money-saving techniques to climb out of debt, live on one income, save for a rainy day, or have the ability to give more. Learn how to stretch a dollar and also how to stretch our faith so that we are closer to God and are better able to trust and know the true source of JOY. The class, led by Cathy Danner, starts Wednesday evening on January 6 and meets in B202 from 6:30-7:15.

# FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of January 11, 2010

**Congratulations to** Laura and Matthew Gordon on the birth of their son, David Matthew Gordon, born January 2, 2010.



**Death:** Ed Newton passed away on January 10, 2010.

**Just Gone Home From the Hospital:**

Janeil Westbrook  
Barry Caveness  
Butch Mays

## WNL Menu for January 13, 2010

BBQ Chicken



Mashed Potatoes



Green Beans



Rolls



Salad Bar



Chocolate Cream Pie

### RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for January 3, 2010

Sunday School Attendance	780
Worship Attendance (4 services)	951
Offering this week	\$47,890
YTD Offerings	\$47,890
YTD Operating Budget	\$43,935
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$0
Loan Balance-January 4, 2010-Activity Center	\$1,714,692
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$28,163
Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
North Campus Building Fund	\$6,664
Foundation gifts	\$0

Questions? Call LaVerne Sweeney,  
Business Manager, 794-2734

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

## 2010 CALENDAR FOR FRANKLIN FIRST UMC:

Please complete an Event Form  
(available at the office or online) 2 to  
4 weeks in advance to reserve  
dates for all meetings and  
activities. Also, if you should  
change a date, day, or time  
after completing the initial Event  
Form you must contact Pam  
with the update as all of our  
publications rely on the accurate  
information supplied to the office  
staff and recorded on the  
church calendar. Contact Pam  
at the church office (794-2734)  
if you have any questions.  
[pgarland@franklinfumc.org](mailto:pgarland@franklinfumc.org)  
[www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf](http://www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf)

### MONDAY, January 11

11:30 am CMT Meeting, A210  
6:00 pm Campaign Prayer Director Meeting, B101  
6:30 pm Honor Flight Volunteers Meeting, B104  
7:00 pm Campaign Leadership Team 2, Fellowship Hall  
8:00 pm Early Commitment, B101

### TUESDAY, January 12

6:00 am Men of Momentum, Cafe  
7:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101  
9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East  
10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen  
5:30 pm Primetimers Dinner and Program, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 pm Generosity Outcome Team Meeting, B104

### WEDNESDAY, January 13

8:00 am Weekly Prayer Walk, North Campus  
9:15 am Disciple II Bible Study, A211  
10:00 am Prayer Shawl Group, B214  
10:00 am Assoc. Pastor's Bible Study, B101  
5:30 pm Chancel Handbells, Historic Sanctuary  
6:30 pm Disciple V - Jesus in the Gospels, B205  
6:30 pm Disciple I, B201, B203  
6:30 pm Disciple IV, B214  
6:30 pm WNL Foundations, Middle School, A301  
6:30 pm WNL Foundations, High School, A303  
6:30 pm Men's Bible Study, B202  
6:30 pm Pastor's Bible Study, A210  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study, B211, B212  
6:30 pm FirstSong Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Historic Sanctuary

### THURSDAY, January 14

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East  
6:30 pm Worship Outcome Team Meeting, B101  
7:00 pm Foundation Meeting, Graham Room

### SATURDAY, January 16

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary East  
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus  
9:00 am Senior Adult Ministry Team, B101

## Franklin First United Methodist Church

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9:00 and 10:30 Worship Services (Blended Worship & Traditional Worship) • 9:00 and 10:30 Sunday School

**Knowing Christ | Sharing Christ | Making Disciples**



**MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:** It's **IMPORTANT** to keep your family and contact information up to date with the church office. Please contact Debbie Miller, your Membership Secretary, at the church office ([dmiller@franklinfumc.org](mailto:dmiller@franklinfumc.org) or 794-2734) with any changes or additions (i.e. name, address, e-mail, phone, births.) Thank you!

**VIDEO SCREEN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** New PowerPoint presentations are loaded each Sunday morning. If you have information for the week ahead, please let John Knorr know by the Friday before. *John Knorr*, [jknorr@franklinfumc.org](mailto:jknorr@franklinfumc.org)

**NEWSLETTER AND/OR BULLETIN PUBLICATION REQUESTS:** The deadline for submitting information for the Mission Menu, Franklin First UMC bulletin insert, and First Things First Newsletter is **Tuesday at noon**. Please submit to: [secretary@franklinfumc.org](mailto:secretary@franklinfumc.org). Thank you! *Due to limited space on printed publications, an article may not be able to run more than twice—consecutively. We will do our best to accommodate each request.*

**Church Staff:**

Dr. A. Lynn Hill, *Senior Minister*  
Rev. Vona R. Wilson, *Associate Minister*  
Rev. Mark Coursey, *Minister of Evangelism & Program*  
Rev. John Williams, *Minister of Visitation*  
Rev. Becky Peeler, *Minister to Children*  
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