

LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

February 15, 2010

Dear Friends:

How good it was for us to meet together on the "Mountain of Transfiguration" on Sunday to see Jesus surrounded by the light of God's love and to learn the powerful message this event has for us. Once again our music ministry was incredible so we thank the Cherub Disciples & Chime Ringers, the FUMC Men's Chorus, the Chancel Choir, Crossfire, Jim Kimmel, the Sanctuary East Praise Band, Mary Phillips, and Jeri Bozeman for sharing your musical gifts with us. It was a day of great inspiration for all of us.

Please remember that next Sunday will be Youth Sunday. Members of our youth ministry will be providing leadership for all four services. The Youth Choir will be in the Historic Sanctuary and the Youth Praise Band will be in Sanctuary East. This is always one of the most remembered services of the year as we hear these awesome young people share their faith with us through music and witness. I want to encourage all of us to be present to support our youth with our prayers and our presence. If any adult would like to assist the youth in these services, please call Jacob or Helen at 794-2734.

Also remember that our Annual Chili Cook-off, Silent Auction and Talent Show will be on Sunday, February 28. We usually have a standing room only crowd for this event. The chili will be in a wide variety of styles (mild to very hot), but all delicious. The silent auction will have many amazing things on which we can bid (usually getting a great bargain). Then the night will end with a wonderful talent show of our own talented church family. In the past we have had the Dixie Chicks, Willie Nelson, The Blues Brothers, and The Jackson Five with us, just to name a few. Without a doubt, it will be the best show in town! Most importantly of all is that the proceeds of this night goes to help our youth in their upcoming mission trips. So come early and spend lots of money, then sit back and watch the show. This is something you don't want to miss!!

We are only a few days away from the start of the holy season of Lent. These are the 40 days leading us to Easter. Lent is a time of self-denial, prayer, and repentance. The joy of Easter will be much less if we do not prepare ourselves during Lent. To help us with this preparation, the small group ministry of FUMC is offering a seven-week study entitled "24 Hours That Changed The World." This study focuses on the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus and what this means to us who are disciples of Jesus. There are a variety of dates, times, and places this study is being offered. To select one best for you, please visit our website www.franklinfumc.org or call Mark Coursey at 794-2734. I hope every member and friend of FUMC will be a part of this study. You will be glad that you did.

Our spring capital campaign, Imagine God's Vision - Our Future, is well underway with some deeply dedicated leadership. Much of their work has been behind the scenes preparing for the public phase that will start in a few weeks. I would ask each of you now to begin asking God in prayer what God would have us give to make this vision a reality. As we have been the recipients of the sacrifice of those who went before us, now it is our time to leave a legacy for those who will come after us through the sacrifices we make today. Contributions to our North Campus development can continue to be made until this new campaign begins in May. With God's help, amazing things will happen at FUMC. Since we are certain of this we know, the best is yet to be!!! Thanks be to God!!!

Grace and Peace,
Lynn

FIRST KIDS

Help your children ENCOUNTER GOD everyday! Discussion starters for parents with children are available at the 2nd floor Welcome Center for February! Plan to pick up yours today!

Don't make the Green Gorilla angry!



Plan now to attend VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 21-24, 2010. 5th and 6th graders are invited to plan to

participate in Service Squad!

For more news about Children's Ministry, check out the children's page of the church's website, www.franklinfumc.org.

FELLOWSHIP



5th and 6th grade Connection

Event: Join us at our skating event on February 21 from 1:30 to 3:15 pm. Cost is \$6.00 and scholarships are available. A completed FUMC Medical Release must be on file. Parent chaperones are needed! Sign up at Sunday school, on the Mission Menu, online, or by contacting Mori Fuller at jfmfkf@bellsouth.net or Sarah Carty at scarty@franklinfumc.org. For more information, contact Mori, Sarah, or visit the website at www.franklinfumc.org.



Join us for an evening of fun!!

Friday, March 19 is our 1st Annual Father/Daughter Spring Fling. Join us from 7:00 to 9:00 pm for dancing, light refreshments, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$10 per couple or \$15 maximum per family. Contact Teri Driver if you are interested in helping at teripdriver@bellsouth.net or 595-8861.



Wednesday Night Study - Making Love Last a Lifetime. Marriage is not simply the next step after falling in love. It is a calling from God, a lifelong mission of service, caring and ministry to another human being—seeking to be, on God's behalf, a companion and helper to another. This study offers the keys to developing a healthy and satisfying marriage. For single persons, it can help you equip and prepare for a successful relationship. For married persons, it can help you grow in your relationship with one another. Class starts February 24 and meets in B210 from 6:30 to 7:15 pm. The class is led by Michael and Jo Cindy Pons.

Don't forget! You can now register and get more information for the High School Spring Retreat, and the Middle School and High School Summer Mission Trips by going to www.415youth.com and clicking on the "Youth Activities" tab.

Dining Out Group: This month the group will be going to the following Mexican restaurant: La Terraza, 1010 Murfreesboro Road, Franklin, Tuesday, Feb 23 at 5:30 pm. Contact Kitty Pingston at kpington13@yahoo.com for more information.

24 Hours That Changed the World - No single event in human history has received more attention than the suffering and crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. In this heartbreaking and inspiring small group Lenten study, author and pastor Adam Hamilton guides us step by step through the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Register online or sign up on the Mission Menu.

Class start dates, times and locations are as follows:

- ◆ Sunday mornings, 9:00 and 10:30 in B103, starts February 14.
- ◆ In your Sunday School class, starts February 14.
- ◆ Sunday evening at 6:00 in B214, starts February 21.
- ◆ Monday evening at 6:30 in B214, starts February 15.
- ◆ Wednesday evening at 6:30 in B204, starts February 24.
- ◆ Thursday evening at 6:30 in B214, starts February 18.

Stephen Ministry Opportunity— On February 16 the Continuing Education program will be given by Louis Barr, bringing information on the Walk to Emmaus. The meeting begins at 7:00 pm on the 3rd floor of the education building. All are welcome. Call 794-0515 for more information.



The Academy Wind Quintet featuring Master Sergeant Julie Ditzel (John Williams' daughter) will present a FREE concert in the Historic Sanctuary on

Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 pm. Bring your friends and support the wonderful talents of these players from the United States Military Academy Concert Band from West Point, New York. Contact John Williams at 319-5350 or Jim Kimmel at 519-4177 with questions.

Brentwood United Methodist Church

is offering the following events:

Anger Management - beginning February 18 at 6:30 pm in the Singles Space. Cost is \$40 and pre-registration is requested.

Divorce Recovery - to be held on Wednesday evenings beginning February 24 at 6:30. Cost is \$30 and pre-registration is required.

St. Patrick's Dance Party - Saturday, March 13 from 6:00 to 10:00 pm in Haney hall. Tickets are \$15 and include an Irish-themed dinner. Proceeds benefit Haiti relief. Contact Katie Cleek with questions about any of these events at Kcleek@bumc.net or (615) 324-7256.

Learn more about Franklin First United Methodist Church. Join us for our next Newcomers Lunch and Orientation on February 21 from 11:45 to 1:45. Sign up online or on the Mission Menu.

Youth Sunday is February 21st! Join us as the youth lead all aspects of worship in both sanctuaries. Want to help? Adult presence is most welcome and beneficial! Please contact Helen or Jacob if you can help us out.



The Genesis to Revelation class invites anyone interested in a small group bible study to come visit our class. We meet in the basement of the education building every Sunday from 8:30 to 10:00 am. Come join us as we grow in our relationship with Christ through prayer, fellowship, service and the study of his word. Call Mark Wanee at (615) 430-9062 with questions.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

Great Day of Service Leaders

Needed— Project leaders are still needed for two areas. We are looking for someone to coordinate purchasing and assembly of health kits for UMCOR as well as someone who can attend community planning meetings for the Cinco de Mayo celebration. Please email Sarah McGinley at sbmcinley@comcast.net if you would like to help with the UMCOR project, and Katie Burt at kburt@comcast.net if you are interested in helping with Cinco de Mayo.

How Can I Serve? May 2 is the Great Day of Service and there will be lots of opportunities to help. Projects and coordinators are listed below:

- ♦ **Meals on Wheels**—Denny Rudolph
- ♦ **Habitat for Humanity**—Tim Grabbe
- ♦ **Nursing Homes**—Kris Smith
- ♦ **Construction Projects**—Doug Stafford and Joey Wilson
- ♦ **61st Avenue UMC**—Rich Peck and Janie Luna. 61st UMC needs a roof over the back section of the building in order to allow outdoor activities. The project involves setting 4x4 posts in concrete, building a frame, laying plywood, and installing shingles.
- ♦ **WAVES**—Debbie Owens and Dennie Pickard
- ♦ **Sewing Project**— Nancy Garrison
- ♦ **Mercy Children's Clinic**—Rachel Williamson and Tiffany Fuller
- ♦ **Boys and Girls Club**—David Burt
- ♦ **Graceworks**—Roger Parker
- ♦ **My Friend's House**—Tim Tracy
- ♦ **Cinco de Mayo**— A coordinator is needed. Contact Katie Burt if you would like to volunteer.
- ♦ **UMCOR Health Kits**—Shannon Bennett
- ♦ **Toussaint Cemetery**—Scout troop, Jim Heacock. Mowing and trimming. Riding mowers, push mowers, and weed whackers will be needed.

Stay tuned for more information about each project as it becomes available.

FIRST FAMILY MATTERS

as of February 15, 2010

At Stallworth Rehabilitation: Bill Crabtree

At Williamson Medical: Debbie Macaulay

At Centennial: Ed Ladd

Just Gone Home from the Hospital: Nina Fulton, Bobby Ladd



WNL Menu February 17, 2010

Herbed Roasted Chicken, Vegetable Blend, Rice Pilaf, Chocolate Cream Pie, Rolls, Salad Bar

Volunteers are needed for two upcoming Habitat Build Days. Day 1, February 27, we will install walls and framing, install roof trusses, begin decking, do porch framing, install hurricane clips and caulk exterior wall joints. Day 2, March 6, we will wrap house and openings, install exterior doors and windows, start gable siding, and build porch beams. Contact Tim Grabbe at tgrabbe@hotmail.com for more information.

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS for February 7, 2010

Sunday School Attendance	782
Worship Attendance (4 services)	1,094
Offering this week	\$66,260
YTD Offerings	\$260,416
YTD Operating Budget	\$263,610
YTD Operating Budget Spent	\$192,287
Communion Offering 2/7/10 - UMCOR Haiti	\$5,437
UMCOR Haiti prior to 2/7/10	\$10,805
Loan Balance-January 20, 2010-Activity Center	\$1,684,692
Total Principal Paid YTD-Activity Center	\$58,163
Loan Balance-2/15/09 -North Campus	\$3,815,689
North Campus Building Fund	\$6,240
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
www.franklinfumc.org/pdf/EOF.pdf

MONDAY, February 15

6:30 pm 24 Hours That Saved the World, B214
6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Mtg, B101

TUESDAY, February 16

6:00 am Men of Momentum, Cafe
7:00 am Tuesday am Bible Study, B101
9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
10:00 am Women's Bible Study, B101
10:00 am Ladies Sewing Circle, Kitchen
6:30 pm Spiritual Growth and Nurture Committee Meeting, Graham Room
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting, B101
7:00 pm New Stephen Minister Training, A303
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry, 3rd floor

WEDNESDAY, February 17

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
12:00 noon Ash Wednesday Service, Historic Sanctuary
5:15 pm WNL Meal
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary East

THURSDAY, February 18

9:00 am Older Adult Fitness, Sanctuary East
5:00 pm Created by God Leader Training, B104
6:00 pm Congregational Care Team Meeting, A303
6:30 pm 24 Hours That Changed the World, B214
6:30 pm Worship Outcome Team Meeting, A210
7:00 pm Created by God Parent Meeting, B101

SATURDAY, February 20

8:00 am Rehearsal Worship Team for 9:00 Service, Sanctuary East
8:00 am Prayer Walk, North Campus
9:00 am Created by God, Fellowship Hall

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

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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 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

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. 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.)*

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