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Worship with us:

Sunday Service
8:30AM and 10:30AM

Sunday School
9:00AM

Nursery Care
During 10:30AM Service



The Christian faith is based on the life, suffering, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ as Lord. Jesus Christ was born and he lived and preached, suffered, died a shameful death; and rose into glory, and now he sits at the right hand of God the All Mighty. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we were adopted into the kingdom and we are now the heirs and heiress of the Kingdom of God.

Lent is a time that we reflect on what our relationship is with Christ. A time that we seek to understand by reflecting what Christ would want from us as we journey on this planet earth. A time that we reflect how we should relate and live together as children of God. What better way of doing that than sitting still and listening to what the Lord would say to us. As Lent is beginning, I would want to invite you before you do anything - and I mean anything, whatever it is - Be still and ask what would Jesus want me to do and how would Jesus want me to do this. The answer is already there in your heart, because Christ is alive in your heart.

This year as we walk the walk with Christ - as we go on this journey, we have to decide what is it that we need to do to get where we want to go. And what it is that we need to shave off and leave behind that is obstructing us from getting where the Lord wants us to go.

GOD is GOOD all time!

Rev Tsitsi Nakoma Moyo

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CHURCH NEWS

MISSIONS



The Mission Work Area met for the first time since the Mission and Outreach Task Force completed their congregational survey and recommendations for the future mission and outreach activities of FUMC. We are excited to start our new collection schedule for 2012.

During the month of February, we will be asking for monetary donations for Bread & Roses Soup Kitchen in Lawrence. These donations will help Bread & Roses fulfill its mission "to ease the hungers in our community, providing guests with a hot, nutritious evening meal and distributing food, clothing and basic life necessities to those most in need."

Hunger was one of the top three areas of mission the congregation wanted to focus on, and Bread & Roses was one of the top three organizations the congregation wanted to support. Please consider making a monetary donation to Bread & Roses to help them feed the hungry in our community.

If donating by check, please make the check payable to First United Methodist Church, and write Bread & Roses on the memo line. You can mail your donation to the church office, place the donation in the offering, (if donating cash, please use an envelope in the pew and mark "for Bread & Roses" on the envelope) or give the donation to a member of the Mission Work Area (Karen Bacchi, Ave Blatchford, JoAnn Carlotto, Paul Carlotto, Susan Lewis or Melissa Scheirey).

In past years, in the spring, a sponsor has matched any money donated to Bread & Roses. We hope the matching program will continue this spring and that the money we collect during the month of February will have an even greater impact on the hungry in our community. Please consider giving to Bread & Roses during the month of February.



Save The Date

Please mark your calendars for the next Bread & Roses dinner on Saturday, March 31. Volunteers to make the dinner at Bread & Roses from 2pm-4pm, as well as donated food items for the meal, will be needed. Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex starting March 1.

On Saturday, May 12, the church will host a community outreach supper in celebration of motherhood. Please mark your calendars to attend and watch for more details to follow soon.



SAVE MONEY & MAKE SOME FOR THE CHURCH

Looking for an easy way to help the church raise money without costing you any? Consider using GoodSearch as your on-line search engine. For each internet search you make using the GoodSearch toolbar, the church gets a 1 penny donation. I know this doesn't sound like much, but if 50 members each do 10 search in a day, the church gets \$5. Over a year, that is \$1,825! It's powered by Yahoo!, so you get great results! Additional services that GoodSearch offers are GoodShop and GoodDining. GoodShop gives online discounts to hundreds of stores and GoodDining gives restaurant deals, and the church gets a percentage of each purchase. Please check it out and start using it ASAP!

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTABLES

BUILDING KEYS



The Trustees are making an effort to account for all the keys to our building. Please contact Doug Bacchi (thebacchis@gmail.com or (978) 475 - 0901 or in person). We are not looking to take away keys from anyone, just to make a list of who has them. That being said, if you have a key and no longer want it or need it, please turn it in so that we don't have to make new ones.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE DAY

The Trustees are scheduling a work day on Saturday, February 11th at 9:00. We are planning on making some minor repairs/improvements to our buildings. You have plenty of jobs that require minimal skills (i.e. spackling, painting, changing light bulbs, fixing railings). Please come and help us make some improvements to our appearance and function. We also have a few jobs that require specific skills (i.e. electrical, plumbing, etc.). So if you have those skills, please let us know. We are trying to as much work as possible on our own in order to keep costs to a minimum. Your help will help us save money!



COUNTERS NEEDED!

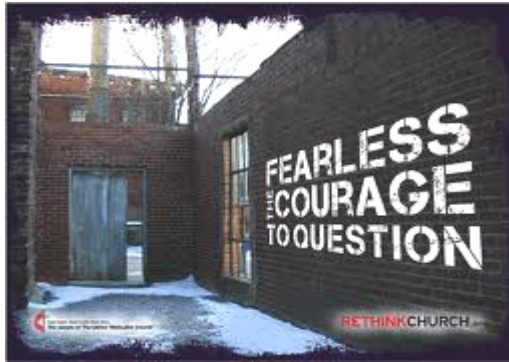


The Financial Secretary is not supposed to count the weekly offering alone. I am looking for 4-5 people who might be willing to help count one Sunday each month after church. Please contact Debbie Cannella for more information at 978-376-8587 or e-mail at mommac29@hotmail.com. Sign up first and get your choice of Sundays!



Did you know that our church is on Facebook? If you haven't found us yet, search for "First United Methodist Church – North Andover." Now that we are on Facebook, we need to make some decisions about exactly how we want to use it. If you are interested in being part of a group that will discuss the use of our Facebook, please join Patti Coffill for a gathering on Wednesday, February 15th at 7pm at Panera. We can discuss what we think over coffee! Let me know if you plan on coming. And, feel free to bring a laptop, if you have one!

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This Lent the Worship Team has an exciting program we want to share with you. It's called "Fearless: The Courage to Question." Here's an excerpt from the program:

"Questioning takes courage. It's the way that we learn and the way we grow. When we keep the questions coming, we keep the conversation going with God ... and one another. This Lent, Rethink Church invites you to experience one of life's greatest mysteries – God's radical breaking through with a Love that could not be destroyed. Rediscover your curiosity and meet God in the questions... not just the answers."

The program runs from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday. If you've never made it to an Ash Wednesday service, this will be the year to come! During Lent, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and reflect on them, a chance to bring a baby picture of yourself (or your kids or grandkids!) to share with others and some new ways of hearing the Word. We hope you will join us and consider inviting your friends and family! We want to make the season of Lent a meaningful one for our church community and the community around us.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of repentance and reflection which prepares us for Christ's resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will observe the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, February 22nd at 7:00PM



SPRING FAIR PLANNED

Although the dreariness of winter is upon us now, we are looking toward the warm weather and the awakening of the earth as spring blooms forth! With that in mind, plans are underway for our second Spring Fair! The tentative date is Saturday, May 5th from 9AM until 3PM. Similar to last year, we will be inviting crafters, local artisans and home business entrepreneurs (Discovery Toys, Usborne Books, etc) from throughout the community to join us for an all day Spring Fair in Wesley Hall. A "space fee" will be charged to vendors who will display and sell their crafts at our event.

An initial planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 5th after the 10:30AM worship service in the church office. This could be a great fundraiser for the church and we need you creative thoughts. Please come and help out if you can.



NAME TAGS



Name tags are wonderful things - especially for those of us who don't always remember the names of those we see often! Many in our church family wear their name badges every Sunday and we thank them for that. For those of you who have name badges, we encourage you to remember to put them on before church. If you can't find your name badge or don't have one, we would like to print one for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in Narthex

FEBRUARY 2012

CHURCH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2 7:00PM Choir Practice Room 403	3	4 7:00AM - 8:00PM Pinewood Derby Wesley Hall Church Concessions
5 5th Sunday After the Epiphany 8:30AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12 Noon - Spring Fair Planning Meeting	6	7 6:30PM Tuesday Bible Study Group At Shirley Wilson's House	8 7:00PM Leadership Team Room 401	9 7:00PM Choir Practice Room 403	10	11 9:00AM Trustees Team Building Maintenance Day
12 6th Sunday After the Epiphany 8:30AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5PM Youth Group	13 7:30PM Missions Team Room 401	14 6:30PM Tuesday Bible Study Group At Shirley Wilson's House	15 7:00PM FaceBook planning Meeting at Panara's Bakery	16 7:00PM Choir Practice Room 403	17	18
19 Last Sunday After the Epiphany 8:30AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	20 7:00PM Trustees Team Room 401	21 6:30PM Tuesday Bible Study Group At Shirley Wilson's House Beacon Deadline	22 Ash Wednesday Worship Service 7:00PM	23 7:00PM Choir Practice Room 403	24	25
26 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30AM Worship 9:00AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 5PM Youth Group	27 7:00PM Finance / Stewardship Team Room 400	28 6:30PM Tuesday Bible Study Group At Shirley Wilson's House	29			

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BUILDING USE CALENDAR

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			1 4:00PM Aerobics WH 6:15PM Ramon WH	2 7:30PM AA 400 Women's Group	3 8:30AM Ramon WH 8:30AM 401 Natural Church Development 5:30PM WH Pinewood Derby Set up	4 7:00AM - 8:00PM Pinewood Derby Wesley Hall
5	6 4:00PM Aerobics WH 6:15PM Ramon WH 7:00PM 401 District AA Meeting	7 9:00AM Ramon WH 9:00AM 400 Girl Scout Cookie Training 6:00PM WH Andover Garden Club 7:00PM GA 500	8 4:00PM Aerobics WH 6:15PM Ramon WH	9 7:30PM AA 400 Women's Group	10 8:30AM Ramon WH	11
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CALENDAR SUBJECT TO CHANGE

*We are Christians committed to live our
faith by practicing love, embodying hope and
doing justice. Our mission is to invite all to join
us and to serve actively in our
local and global communities*

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