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Sunday, March 20

Food Basket Sunday 8:30am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC 10:45am Worship - Sanctuary 4pm Confirmation - Gault Dining Room Meal provided by Matt Mason 6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice	Guest Preacher Marcee Binder
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Wednesday, March 23

7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202

Saturday, March 26

9am Angel Food Distribution - WC

Sunday, March 27

8:30am Worship - Chapel 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Youth Breakfast - WC 10:45am Worship - Sanctuary 6pm Jubilation Ringers Practice	Youth will Lead Worship
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Monday, March 28

6pm Cub Scouts - WC  
6pm Missions - Rm 107  
7pm Council on Ministries - Rm 107

Tuesday, March 29

12 noon Staff Meeting - Gault Kitchen

Wednesday, March 30

9:30am UMW Mission Team - Rm 101  
2:30pm Live B.I.G.  
6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice  
6:30pm Ladies Annual Banquet - WC  
7:30pm Men's Bible Study - Rm 202  
8pm LOGOS Sale Set Up - WC

Thursday, March 31

12-8pm LOGOS Sale Receiving -WC  
5:30pm CUFF Meal - Episcopal Church  
6:30pm Children's Council

Friday, April 1

10am-3pm LOGOS Sale Receiving -WC  
5pm LOGOS Sale Chairmen Pre-Sale - WC  
7pm LOGOS Sale Volunteer Pre-Sale - WC

Saturday, April 2

8am - 2pm Spring LOGOS Sale -WC

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**Helping Victims of the  
Earthquake in Haiti**



Paul Stoner, Corky Sanford, Pastor Dee and Ed Epp are currently on a mission trip in Haiti with a mission team from Church of the Resurrection. They are working in Petit Goave, forty miles west of Port-a-Prince, near the epicenter of the earthquake. **Please keep our missionaries in your prayers during this time.**

**Lenten Study: on the Mondays of Lent.** Marcee Binder is leading the study entitled, "Hard to Dance With the Devil on Your Back by Ray Buckley." The study will continue for the next five Mondays, at noon in Gault Dining room.



*Women's Event*

**"LADIES AND LAUGHTER"**

This is for all women and girls of the church! Are you ready for a night out? Are you ready for an evening of simple supper (we all need to watch our diet, right?) followed by yummy desserts (we have to have some indulgence on our night out, right?), lots of laughter and fun entertainment, and lots of good company?

If this kind of night out sounds good to you, then plan to attend the annual women's spring event on March 30, 6:30 p.m. in Wesley Center. The theme this year is "Ladies and Laughter" and you won't want to miss! Please R.S.V.P. your "yes" to the church office no later than Sunday, March 27.

**Now, this is for the men of the church!** A few good men will be needed to assist with serving and clean-up. If you can help on March 30 starting at 6 p.m., please call the church office at 331-3840. Thank you!



**A 14 Passenger Van Safety Course will be held on April 5.** If you work with youth, children, Bell Choir, Missions, or just like to volunteer in general, it is a good idea to be one of our certified Van Drivers. A Van Safety Class has been scheduled for Tuesday, April 5, at 6pm in Gault Dining Rm. Driving the vans is not hard but there are things that you learn in the class that are helpful. Our policy does require that you be certified to be allowed to drive our vans. Contact the church office, 331-3840.

**Office hours for the week of March 21 through March 25 will be 9am to 3 pm.**

**Your input is needed:** Catholic Charities of the Wichita Diocese is working on a strategic plan to further assess the needs outside of Wichita and identify ways that they can partner with parishes and others in the community to expand their services. **They want Community Input** and are looking for feedback and advice from our community (not just the Catholics, but everyone) to assist in this process. With your help and ideas, Catholic Charities can create a plan that will fulfill its vision to reach out beyond Wichita. If you would like to share your thoughts on the needs of SE Kansas please come on **Thursday, March 24, from 6:30–8:30 pm** at the Parish Center (corner of Park & Myrtle)



**LOGOS Sale**

You may register by calling the church office, 331-3840.  
 Merchandise Receiving — March 31 — 12 to 8pm  
 April 1 — 10am to 3pm  
 Sale — April 2 — 8am to 2pm



Volunteer 4 hours to the sale and attend the Volunteer Pre-sale on Friday, April 1 at 7pm.

**Want to help with the UMW Attic Treasures Sale?** Designate a box now to begin collecting items for the sale. As you clean around the house and garage, you may find things that you no longer want...but someone else couldn't live without. You know...one person's junk... Then, when sale time is here, you'll already have your items collected. Bring your items on Friday, May 6 and someone will be there to help you set prices and locate the appropriate table for them. The key is to start now!

**Lenten Ecumenical Vesper Services**

Three Marks of Lent: Repent, Fast, Forgive  
 Services at 6pm at Host Church



Date	Host Church	Topic	Preacher
March 27	St. Andrew Catholic Church	Repent	Rev. Phil Adams
April 3	Church of the Brethren	Fast	Pastor Dee
April 10	First Presbyterian Church	Forgive	Mtr. Babock

Participating Churches: St. Andrew Catholic, Church of the Brethren, First Presbyterian; Epiphany Episcopal, First Methodist, First Christian

**New Study Starting.** An eight week study of **“Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time”** will begin on April 3. This book was written by Marcus J. Borg, Distinguished Professor of Religion and Culture at Oregon State University. In response to a request for nontraditional study material, this book was recommended by Jack Gregory last spring. It will be of interest to those who...

- Are interested in studying a different point of view of Christianity
- Thrive on open questioning and discussion of the common tenets of Christianity

Participants will be asked to prepare for each session. A Preparation Guide will be provided. Any person, whether or not they are a member of any Church, is welcome. If you are interested, please contact the church office to receive a book. The study will be hosted by the 3D Sunday School Class in Room 101. It will be led by Sam Forrer.



**Pastor Dee wants you to feel welcome to contact her.** It is important that **you** let Pastor Dee or the office know when you have been admitted to the hospital. The hospital staff is not allowed to contact us without your specific request. Please do not assume that we know. Pastor Dee wishes to provide Pastoral Care for you but cannot do so, without knowing it is needed. Pastor Dee can be reached at home, 577-2636, or on her cell, 1-785-554-1562.



**We uphold First United Methodist Church: by our prayers...**

- **Hospitalized:** Rev Willie Jones and Terry Killman
- **Recovering away from home:** Lew Boys.
- **Recovering at home:** Jim Brown(Regal Estates), Vernon Ledbetter and Irene Magill.
- **Also remember:** Jamie Rathjen, Melissa Ruberson, and Dick and Phyllis Smith.
- **Military:** That they might be kept safe from all harm and used as instruments of peace.
- **Global concerns:** earthquake/tsunami victims in Japan; Haiti mission trip; our global missionaries.
- **Local and National:** our government leaders; community and school concerns.
- **To be included in prayer,** call the office, 331-3840; call Corky Sanford, 331-4750; place a prayer card in the prayer box or offering plate.

by our presence...	February 27	March 6	March 13
Early Worship	49	55	39
Sunday School	90	97	84
Late Worship	176	160	176

**Please welcome** Independence area guests who registered last Sunday: Judy Daugherty; Clyde and Holly Durst; Annastasia Howland; Zente Liepa; Michelle Rutherford; Teresa Smith; and Ariel Stephenson.

by our gifts...	February 27	March 6	March 13
General Budget	\$ 3,490	\$ 9,106	\$ 4,063

Designated Gifts	Goal	YTD
• Pastors Discretionary	\$ 3,800	765
• TV Ministry	3,600	435
• FAST Program	1,500	155
• Independence Food Basket		170
• Home Sweet Home Homeless	800	55
• Haiti Mission		1,000
• One Great Hour of Sharing		52

**Please take the time to fill out your envelopes.** Remember if you don't, we have to. It only takes you a moment to fill one out. When the counters have to fill out several, it makes the time they are volunteering to count a lot longer.



Bridges to the Future — Capital improvement campaign for the Kansas East Conference. We have begun the fourth year of five to raise \$5.3 million. FUMC's goal is \$43,000. We have received in 2011 - \$485. Total gifts received to date - \$34,776.



Easter Lilies will decorate our church and worship services on Easter Sunday, April 24. You can purchase one of these plants in memory or in honor of a family member or friend. A list of donors will be inserted in the worship bulletins.

We have reserved fifty (50) lilies; and will not be able to purchase additional plants. Make your purchase today. The cost of each lily is \$10.

If you wish to take your plant home when we are finished with it, you may pick it up anytime after the 10:45 worship on Easter, April 24. Unless you contact the office, lilies left after noon on Monday, April 25 may be delivered to "First Time" visitors and/or homebound.

This year we are doing something a little diferent. We will have those who have purchased the lillies do a processional during the service. If you are not able to walk them down, please let us know so that we can find someone else to walk it down for you.

\_\_\_\_ yes, I can be part of the processional,

\_\_\_\_ no, I can not, but \_\_\_\_\_ will do it for me.

\_\_\_\_ no, I can not, please find someone for me.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given in honor of : \_\_\_\_\_

*Women of First United Methodist Church  
Annual Spring Event*

**“Ladies and Laughter “**

**Wednesday, March 30, 2011**

**6:30 P.M.**

Join your church sisters at the Wesley Center for a lighthearted evening of simple supper , **DECADENT** desserts, comedy, and inspiration!

Please R.S.V.P. by Sunday, March 27 by calling 331-3840 or emailing [fumcindy@cablone.net](mailto:fumcindy@cablone.net)



**Friends, Family and Fun Night**

**Sundae(s) on Wednesday**

LIVE B.I.G. will conclude with our fun night on April 13 at 5:30 in Gault Chapel.

We would like to have all our friends and families join us.

We will sing some songs and play the chimes for your entertainment.

Then everyone is invited to enjoy sundaes in Gault dining room.

LIVE B.I.G. will begin as usual and then our families & friends can join us at 5:30.

This will be our **LAST LIVE B.I.G.** for this school year.

We have appreciated all your help & support this year and hope to see you in the fall!



A mission moment from Deaconess Leslie Hobson, integration specialist coordinator, Minnesota United Methodist Conference Retreats, Conferences and Camps Office.

“My sons are autistic and have never been able to go to camp. Thank you so much for this chance.” These were the words of a mother as we prepared to find an integration specialist and a trained camp staff member to go to camp with her children. We were able to provide a church camp experience for her autistic boys like other children.”

Thank you...

... From Scott Null, Scoutmaster, Troop 4: Thank you very much for the wonderful donations to the Boy Scout Bible Fund. The money will be put to good use buying Bibles to give to scouts at summer camp. We may not always know or see what impact this may have on a young man's life, but I'm sure it will touch more kids than we realize. Also I would like to thank you for your faithful support you have given to the Boy Scout and Girl Scout programs over the years. We appreciate you very much!

**Needed:**

... We, FUMC, are in need of a new “used.” refrigerator for the flower room.  
 ... The Open Arms Diner community meal program has a couple of needs. First..they need two used freezers to store food. Second.. they need donations to purchase a “used” commercial food warmer. They have priced a used one for \$450.

**News from New Albany UMC**

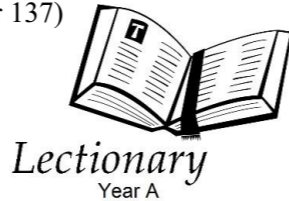
- The New Albany United Methodist Church is pleased to announce the dedication of their new church building and fellowship hall on Sunday, March 27 with a formal dedication service at 10:45 a.m. An Open House will be held that same afternoon from 2-4 pm with refreshments being served in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited to come share in our joy!

**Lectionary Readings**

**April 3, 2011 [Purple]**  
 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 1 Samuel 16:1–13  
 Psalm 23 (UMH 754 or 137)  
 Ephesians 5:8–14  
 John 9:1–41

**April 10, 2011 [Purple]**  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 Ezekiel 37:1–14  
 Psalm 130 (UMH 848)  
 Romans 8:6–11  
 John 11:1–45

**April 17, 2011 [Red/Scarlet or Purple]**  
 Sixth Sunday in Lent (Passion/Palm Sunday)  
 Liturgy of the Palms  
 Matthew 21:1–11  
 Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (UMH 839)  
 Liturgy of the Passion  
 Isaiah 50:4–9a  
 Psalm 31:9–16 (UMH 764)  
 Philippians 2:5–11  
 Matthew 26:14–27:66 or Matthew 27:11–54



**April Birthdays and \*Anniversaries**

- April 1  
Loran Cranor  
Becky Lanning
- April 3  
LeAnn Yoakum Nelson  
Julie King  
Charlotte Muse  
Corky Sanford  
Hillary Sutherland
- April 4  
Jack Newkirk  
Brian Stephenson
- April 6  
Bev Smith  
Dylan Taylor
- April 7  
Sherry Epp  
Norval Gruver
- April 8  
Paige Pasternak
- April 10  
Chandler Leonard
- April 11  
Larry Botts  
Rick Lee  
Karin Stoner
- April 12  
Delores Thornton
- April 13  
John Craig  
Jerry Hart  
Linda Sayers
- April 15  
Kristin Murray  
Sarah Purdunn  
Carrie Strycker

- April 16  
Bill Newkirk  
Addison Palmer
- April 17  
C.J. Feger
- April 18  
Doris Ferguson  
Dale Russell
- April 19  
Jim Papen  
Scottie Strycker
- April 23  
Melanie Ledbetter
- April 24  
Kyler King  
Lauren A. Lester
- April 25  
Andrew Hayse

- April 26  
Paige Smith  
Vicki Thompson  
\*Allen & Donna Green
- April 27  
Cheryl Arnwine  
Sherri Shepherd
- April 28  
Rhett Flood  
Bob Pasternak  
Nettie Schaub  
\*Cheryl and Richard Sparks
- April 29  
Marcee Binder  
Wynn Shepard
- April 30  
Scott Null  
\*John and Angela Pearson



If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it. - GENESIS 4:7 NIV