



MACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MESSENGER

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March 20, 2009 Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Our Mission --

The Mission of the Macon United Methodist Church is to share the love of Christ.

Worship Services

We offer three worship opportunities on Sunday. Each service has its own special character.

Early

at 8:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary...is a simplified informal worship service for those who like to gather early on Sunday morning.

Contemporary

at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room....is a contemporary service where praise songs are led by the Uplifters praise band and singers. Multimedia supports the entire service. Children's Church is available for children ages 4 through fourth grade during the sermon.

Traditional

at 10:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary...is a full traditional service using hymns and liturgy. This is a more formal service which includes a traditional choir and the pipe organ for music.

Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Cornerstone Adult Sunday School Class

10:50 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

Macon United Methodist Church Annual

Rummage

Sale

Saturday, April 4th

7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Multi-Purpose Room

We will accept donated items beginning Sunday, March 29th through noon on Friday, April 3rd. Please leave your items in the multi-purpose room on the east wall. Volunteers are needed to help organize and price items during the week and to work the day of the sale. Look for sign-up sheets or contact Ginger Mattingly or Diann Brown if you will be available to help. The proceeds will go to the Serving and Missions program.

Contact Information: Church Office, Dawn at 660-385-2156

Camp Promotion Sunday is this Sunday, March 22

Rhonda will have a sign-up sheet on Sunday, so if you don't know what camp you want to attend, please visit one of these websites: www.jo-ota.org or www.mocamps.org. You can also view just the listing of camps at Camp Jo-Ota on our church website at www.maconumc.org. **Don't forget to stop by the sign-up table on Sunday to select your camp and set an appointment to register your children with Rhonda in her office.**

Sharing Team Meeting

The Sharing Team will meet Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cornerstone Conference room.

Wednesday Meals!

Proceeds from March 11th totaled \$135.00 for the Children & Youth Program. On March 18th we raised \$186.00 for the Children & Youth program. The 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal on March 25th will be sponsored by our Children & Youth Team. The menu for the evening will be: Spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert.

Easter Lilies!

Easter lilies are needed to make our sanctuary more lovely for Easter. They can be placed in memory or in honor of someone. Orders may be placed by calling the church office at 385-2156. Deadline for ordering Easter lilies will be March 31st. The cost of a lily is \$10.00.

Prayer Concerns

Wilma Burton (*PSP and fell and cracked her collar bone*)
Philip Day (*friend of JoVaughn Kelly, liver transplant problems*)
Dick DeWitt (*Betty DeWitt's father, cancer*)
Nick Dunn (*Hugh & Peg Dunn's grandson, serving in Iraq*)
George Fant (*Pulmonary Fibrosis*)
Peggy Griffis (*cancer*)
Ora Myers (*JoVaughn Kelly's father, kidney surgery*)
Ellen Pogue (*Wanda Grimm's daughter*)
Weston Ratliff (*friend of Megan Pollard, heart surgery*)
Connie Roebuck
Scott & Jo Schnell (*struggles with Parkinson Disease*)
Trisha Stark (*friend of Tiffany Webster, cancer*)
Suzy Thompson (*cancer*)

Maunday Thursday Drama

As part of our observance of the Lenten Season we would like to present a Maunday Thursday evening Service entitled "The Upper Room", portraying Jesus with the Disciples at the Last Supper. This is a drama with a cast of two Readers, Jesus, 8 Disciples with speaking parts, 4 with non-speaking parts, and 2 women with non-speaking parts. There is very little memorization as parts may be principally read. We need volunteers for the cast and ask if you are interested to contact Sandy, Pastor Neal or Nadine Thurman. You can contact Nadine at 660-699-3685 or e-mail her at nadine8@centurytel.net. We would like to meet Sunday evening, March 22, 2009 at 5:00p.m. in the Cornerstone Room. There will be a need for help with staging, costumes, props, etc., so if you feel you might help please come.

The Wednesday evening meal ordinarily scheduled for April 8th will be shared at the regular time Maunday Thursday evening, April 9th preceding the Drama.

All are invited to share in this experience of our Lord's last meal with those He entrusted to spread the Gospel to the world. Please come to be a part of this special presentation.


Building Fund Capital Campaign Update:

We are getting close to the end of the three year capital campaign for the building project. At this time, 87% of our pledges have been received. We still owe \$91,550 on what amounted to a \$700,000 project. This is remarkable progress. The current plan is to convert the balance to a 10 year loan in the near future. The more we pay off now, the lower the loan will be so anything you can do at this time will help. Thanks to all!

Macon UMC Staff: J. Neal Lassinger, Pastor; Dawn Masten, Administrative Assistant; Rhonda Linsley, Director of Children's Ministries; Sandy Bruno, Director of Youth Ministries; Beth Dixon, Organist; Michelle Brinkman, Nursery Attendant; Stephanie Israel & Loni Truitt, Toddler Room Assistants.

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