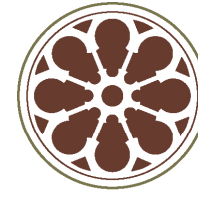


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January 27, 2010, No. 04

What's Happening . . . Week of January 31		
Sunday January 31	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 5:00 PM-7:00 PM	Sunday School Worship Service Children & Youth
Monday February 1	7:00 PM	Martha Circle
Tuesday February 2	10:00 AM	Marys Circle
Wednesday February 3	11:30 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Priscilla Circle Vespers (Bill Schiphorst—Christian Care Communities) Choir
Thursday February 4	7:45 AM 10:00 AM	Communications Team Women's Book Study
Friday February 5	12:30 PM-3:00 PM 7:00 PM-9:00 PM	Discovering Islam 101 Discovering Islam 101
Saturday February 6	9:30 AM-1:30 PM	Discovering Islam 101
Sunday February 7	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Church School Worship Service Discovering Islam 101 Lunch Youth Group Food & Football Party No Children's group

S.E.C.C. Staff:
 Senior Minister..... Mickey Anders
 Associate Minister..... Holly Fuqua
 Music Minister.....Chris Weiss
 Children's Director.....Emily Downing
 Intern.....Christopher Geiger



Pianist.....Kay McAllister
 Secretary.....Tammy Starbuck
 Little Elks Pre-School Dir...Carol Neal
 Nursery Attendants.....Kenna Blanton,
 Jennifer Davis, Megan Brown

The Current

Worship This Sunday at 10:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:00 AM
Sermon: "Remember What John and Paul Said"
Scripture: I Corinthians 13

Vespers, Wednesday, February 3, 6PM. Bill Schiphorst with Christian Care Communities will make a special presentation. Please come to learn more about the positive work of this fine organization. We will meet in room 211/212 so that we can see video of their work. Remember that Vespers happens on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 pm.

KeenAgers
This Friday, January 29 and February 26
12:30 PM

We will be watching a video series on "Our Lincoln" and enjoy a potluck lunch. This is the play that was at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC and Singletary Center in Lexington. We will watch Act One in January and Act Two in February.

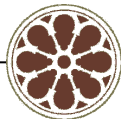
Morgan Men's Breakfast
Saturday, January 30
8:00 AM

Steve Moore will be speaking.

Children & Youth
This Sunday, January 31
5PM-7PM

We will meet for dinner, Bible study and valentine gifts for shut ins.

**Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor through
 Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship.**



Last weekend's Cabinet Retreat was the best one yet. We had about 45 people there on Friday night for a wonderful brainstorming session about our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. It was a high-energy session with great cross-pollination of ideas. Then Saturday morning the Cabinet settled into the business of assimilating that information and determining our direction and major goals for 2010.

We are still honing the wording of the goals, and will publish them later. But there was a lot of discussion about assimilating new members, finding out their gifts and making sure everyone gets fully connected to the congregation. Two major facility projects are on the radar - building a picnic pavilion with storage and additional lighting for the parking lot.

Raising funds for those major expenditures will be the first step to seeing them become reality. The Cabinet is aware that we cannot continue to make major purchases and major repairs to the facility without raising funds for those projects. Last year, we spent close to \$70,000 on major repairs and new equipment without asking the congregation for special offerings to cover them. We spent that money on a new floor in McMahan Hall, replacement of two HV/AC units in the Historic Sanctuary area, replacement of seven HV/AC units in the McMahan Hall area, repaving the parking lot and the purchase of several items of new equipment, like a new phone system. We paid for all these items from budget funds and from reserve funds instead of taking a special offering.

The bottom line is that we spent more money than we took in for the year. Here are the end of the year numbers regarding our budget income and expenses:

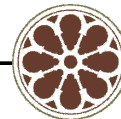
	December	Year
Total Income	38,014.43	352,431.25
Total Expenses	40,082.43	382,900.03
Difference	(2,068.00)	(30,468.78)

As you can see, we spent about \$30,000 more than we received. Moving forward, we will be appealing to the congregation to raise funds for such special projects, rather than dipping into reserve funds or overspending our budget.

We have done all this work and supported our Outreach programs with more funding than in recent years. One of the organizations that our church has a long history of supporting is the Christian Care Communities. We have a tradition of taking a special offering on the fifth Sundays for CCC. I have invited Bill Schiphorst from Christian Care Communities to make a special presentation to our congregation at the next Vespers meeting next Wednesday night, February 3. Please come to learn more about the positive work of this fine organization. We will meet in room 211-212 so that we can see video of their work. Remember that Vespers happens on the first Wednesday of each month from 6 to 7 pm.

Mickey

Serving Sunday, January 31



Worship Leader	Frank Goad 1/31
Elders	Dave & Janinne Johnson
Deacons Serving Communion	Frank & Deborah Goad-PS Sarah Goad-P, serve stage Carole Cole-D (alternate) Morgan Alexander-D Felito Aldarondo, John Cole, Sue Southworth-CS Dick Rohlf-S, usher
Greeters	Robert & Dorothy Moore Danny & Ginger Helton
Sound System	Media Team
Acolyte	Gage Minke
Fellowship Hour	Dave & Janinne Johnson
Visitor Care	Eddie & Eyvonne Overton
Homebound Communion February 28	Evelyn Cartmill, Chad Conley, Jamie Crouch

Our Ministry

Received 1/24/2009 \$5463

"Make God Real" Campaign

New Building Received 1/24/2009 \$964

Week of Compassion: Total Haiti Response \$3655

Our Attendance

	1/24/2010	Last Year
Worship	238	238
Church School	70	
Children's Church	36	

By Our Prayers

- Mary Smith.
- Stewart Glasscock (Lynn Purdom's father).
- Juanita Sears.
- Margie Drake.
- Rita Murphy.
- Barby Hardy.
- Gene Simounet.
- Rita Haggard is at St. Joe.
- Sandra Shreve (Jeannie Tungate's mother).
- Mike O'Bryant (Thelma Brown's brother in law).
- Delena Wilson (Little Elk parent on Medical mission to Haiti).
- Lukas Nedelco (Debbie Parrett's nephew).
- Zach Pickard.
- Mason Pontrich (Little Elks Student).
- Gavin Carr (former Little Elks Student).
- Cathy Morris.
- **Please remember our homebound members in prayer:** George Compton, Ella Fuqua, Margaret Peacher.
- **Please remember our family and friends in the military:** Crystal Anders in Iraq, Rodney Lipscomb in Iraq.

Please call the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from this list.



Martha Circle
Monday, February 1, 7:00 PM

We will meet at the clubhouse of Old Farmhouse Apartments where Jo Kane lives. Sharon White will lead the worship and present a study on Dorcas, another woman of the Bible. All women are invited.

Priscilla Circle
Wednesday, February 3
11:30 AM
Room 211/212

Please remember to bring food for God's Pantry.

JOY Circle
February 21, 5:30 PM

Looking ahead, we want to remind you that JOY will **not** meet on the second Sunday, as usual. We will meet on the third Sunday, Feb. 21, 5:30 at the church. Go ahead and mark it on your calendar!

Timothea Branham has agreed to share with us about her recent life-changing decision. If you don't know what that is, then make sure you come to the meeting!

Cathy & Anne



Earth Stewardship
Tip of the Week

Always turn off the lights when you leave a room. Utilize natural light whenever possible. Open your blinds...enjoy the sunlight!

Valentine Dinner Dance
Saturday, February 13, 6:30 PM



Our youth will serve the delicious lasagna dinner at our annual Valentine Dinner Dance. All proceeds will go toward the youth summer mission trip. Jeannine Robinson will be taking reservations this Sunday, January 31 and next Sunday, February 7 in the cmc foyer. The cost \$10 per person. Child care will be provided at no additional cost. Mark your calendars now for February 13!

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation please see Jeannine Robinson.

Parents Night Out

Celebrate Valentine's Day the week after and miss the crowds! The church will offer Parents Night Out Friday, February 19 from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board. The deadline is Friday, February 12. Please contact Kenna Blanton (859) 221-8728 for information or cancellations.

Ski Trip to Perfect North
Saturday, February 20
Cost: \$45

The price includes admission, lessons and snowboarding, skiing and tubing rentals. Please sign up on the sheet in the CMC foyer. We will need more than 15 people to get the group rate of \$45 so please bring your friends! See Holly if you have any questions.

New Sunday School Class
To Begin on Sunday, February 7
Room #123 in Little Elks Wing
Teacher: LaDondra Cercone

This class is an exploration of how accepting God's love enables us to love others. Living love is the first, and key step, in caring for, forgiving, offering kindness and being patient with the others in your life. Max Lucado's book, A Love Worth Giving, based largely on 1Corinthians 13, examines how we can accept God's love and offer our love to others more freely. We hope that you can come!

Books will be provided. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested.

Ash Wednesday Prayer Vigil
Wednesday, February 17

The Lenten season is almost here. For many in our church family, participation in the Ash Wednesday prayer vigil marks the beginning and sets the tone for their Lenten activities.

The prayer vigil will be held in the historic sanctuary. Individuals will sign up to pray for 30 minute sessions. A sign-up poster will be in the foyer of the CMC starting this Sunday, January 31. For this activity to be as meaningful as possible, all time slots need to be filled so that a continuous day of prayer by our congregation can be achieved.

A variety of devotional materials and prayer suggestions will be available to aid in personal prayers at the vigil. Please sign up to be part of this simple yet profound spiritual experience.

All Church Trip
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
to Dixie Stampede!
March 28-30

Want to visit the mountains? If so please sign up on the church bulletin board. The deadline is February 28. We would love for children, youth and adults to join us! This is a great time to invite friends outside the church as well.

The group price for Dixie Stampede including tax and gratuity is \$36.09 for adults and \$23.97 for children 4-11. Children 3 and under are free if they sit on a parents lap. The facility is fully accessible for individuals with special needs and they have vegetarian meals available upon request.

We have rooms blocked under South Elkhorn Christian Church at Best Western Plaza Inn. The cost is \$51.00 per room for two double beds with a delicious continental breakfast provided. We also have a room reserved for morning devotions together. Reservations for the rooms need to be made by February 28. Please call 1800-232-5656 to make reservations.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

I hope to see you in Pigeon Forge!

Holly

Discovering Islam 101 - Muslim Origins, History, and Practice - February 5-7, 2010

Friday: 12:30 pm-3:00 pm - Attend Friday Prayers (Salat) at Mosque*

*We will meet at SECC for a 12:30 pm departure **-OR-** you may meet us at the Mosque at 1:00 pm. See the Current in coming weeks for additional details.

Friday: 7-9 pm at SECC; Sat 9:30 am-1:30 pm at SECC (coffee, juice, & donuts provided):
Sunday: Noon-2 pm (A delicious Iraqi Luncheon at SECC.)

Salem Alekum! Do you know over **1 Billion people** practice some form of Islam? Do you know that Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world and in the U.S.? Do you know the impact such growth and immigration issues mean for the U.S. and other Western countries?

What is Sunni? What is Shia? How are these factions different and why are they different in belief and practice? Why is there so much violence between these different factions? What is Sharia Law? What does its implementation in a new environment mean for the inhabitants?

Why is there a variety of dress among Muslim women? Why do some women wear the burka, some wear the Hajib and Veil, and some wear the Hijab only?

Come join us on a fascinating journey through the origins, basic history, and belief system of Islam. We'll use material from PBS, the History Channel, a course book, discussion, and sharing from Muslim friends.

We'll attend/observe Salat (prayers) at a local mosque on Friday afternoon. Any who wish only to attend Salat may do so **FREE!**

We'll explore the life of Mohammed, Muslim origins, the Five Pillars of Islam, and learn about the Qu'ran and Hadith. We'll learn about the importance and role of Mecca, Medina, and Jerusalem in Islam. We'll discuss Muslim views of Jesus, the Bible, and Christianity.

Most importantly, we'll explore loving ways of having dialog with, reaching out to, interacting with, and sharing about Jesus and Christianity with our Muslim friends. We'll celebrate the end of our weekend adventure with an Iraqi meal after worship on Sunday.

Please note there is a nominal cost for the seminar of \$15 per individual and \$20 per couple. This will cover materials, a course book (one per couple), and other expenses. There will be a small additional charge for participating in the Sunday meal.

RSVP ASAP (no later than Sunday, January 31) to the church office or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Hope you can join us! Steve Moore

Oooooooooooooo! A Wedding!

If that caught your attention, you may be just the person for our new team at South Elkhorn...the Wedding Coordinator Committee! You can contribute as much or as little time as you'd like to the team. Members will work together to provide the services required for weddings at South Elkhorn. Fees received for different services will be divided among those serving as Coordinators. If you want more information, have questions, or think this is a ministry "just calling your name," please contact Phyllis Alexander, Alicia Allen or Kim Wemyss.

"HANDS ON" OPPORTUNITY

The Outreach committee would appreciate having volunteers to assist them in bringing Ruaa and Krest (our refugee family) to SECC on Sunday mornings. They are picked up at 9:45 AM and taken home after worship service.

Call Evelyn Cartmill for directions and other details. 873-1580. Thanks.

HELP WANTED

Would you like to be a greeter for Sunday morning service, 10AM-10:30. You will serve only one time in a quarter. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bertie at 223-4505. This is also a great opportunity for our youth to get involved!

Children Worship & Wonder Schedule

1/31 Parable of the Leaven
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Angie Kerrick, Stephanie Reedy

2/7 Parable of the Great Pearl
Storyteller: Sarah Anders
Greeters: Stephanie Reedy, Pat Murphy

2/14 Parable of the Sower
Storyteller: Sarah Anders
Greeters: Pat Murphy, Zach Fuqua

2/21 Lenten Puzzle
Storyteller: Juliette Kilpatrick
Greeters: Zach Fuqua, Jamie Crouch

2/28 Jesus and the Children
Storyteller: Juliette Kilpatrick
Greeters: Jamie Crouch, Jeannie Tungate

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