

2012

**SEYMOUR  
UNITED  
METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**SPECIAL POINTS  
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Thank you for your willingness to put up with me and my crazy sermon series at times. And thank you for your participation in those sermon series. As many of you already know, we are a few weeks into the newest sermon series which I have entitled, "Why I Don't Go to Church." And each Sunday, the sermon wrestles with a reason *that is typically given when the question is asked to non-church going people* (these answers, by the way, are backed by my own asking of this question AND the research of Christian sociologists like David Kinneman and Robert Wuthnow). On Sunday, January 8, the reason given for why people do not go to church was, "I Don't Feel Like I Can Ask My Tough Questions." At the end of that sermon, I invited you to bring your difficult questions to the altar that you may have been reluctant to ask in church, and I assured you anonymity in your asking with a promise to do my best in providing the best answers I can give (knowing, full well, that I may not have any good answers). Well.....I received 45 very incredible, deep, thought-provoking questions! Thank you!

As I prayerfully read through your questions, I struggled with how I was going to answer each one of these questions as promised. And then something began to emerge; your questions started grouping themselves with one another. For instance, there were questions on Sin & Forgiveness, Heaven & Hell, The Church & Lived Faith, God's Nature & Our Relationship with God, The Bible & Interpretation, The Goodness of God & Human Suffering, and then a few questions that did not fall in any of these categories but were good questions nonetheless! SO, I have decided, for the next few months, to address your questions by writing articles to be posted in the Newsletter and on our church's FaceBook page. In these articles, I will wrestle with the questions you have asked by addressing them through the categories that emerged as named above.

Let's take "The Goodness of God & Human Suffering." Often times I hear or read the question, "If God is good, then why do bad things happen, especially to good peo-

ple?" or "Why do children have to suffer or die?" The absolute worst answer that we as Christians can give to such questions is, "Because it is God's Will." I can tell you, it is not God's will for bad things to happen, whether these bad things happen to good people or to children. For God loves people, ALL people. To say that "It is God's Will" is to paint a potentially ugly, unloving picture of God. To depict God as unloving goes against the life of Jesus and the teachings of the New Testament that clearly state, "God is love." I don't think, however, that people give this answer in order to be mean or to paint an ugly picture of God.....I think many times we simply do not know what to say, and so we repeat something that we have heard other Christians say, whether we believe it or not (and my hunch is that many of us do not believe that God causes children to die or to be beaten by unloving parents when God knows there are an abundance of loving people who do not have children).

In his book, *When Christians Get It Wrong*, Adam Hamilton describes a man and woman who went on an evil crime spree, attacking, raping, and killing women. One woman miraculously survived this horrible event in her life and asked the question, "Why did this happen to me?" If we answer her question with, "It was God's will," then we are in essence saying that what these two persons did was simply carrying out what God had planned out and had predetermined. Adam then goes on to say the following: "How can this be? How could a loving, just, merciful, and compassionate God will this kind of evil? One might argue, 'Well, you have not seen the tremendous good that will come of such evil.....you will be able to see it one day.' I believe God is able to redeem suffering and bring good from evil; but to say that God planned, willed, and prompted the hearts of those who committed such a heinous crime in order to accomplish some greater good strikes me as the worst kind of blasphemy  
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**WANTED!**

## AMIGOS ROUNDUP



I guess “ya do what ya gotta do to round up those Seymour doggies” when they go to Resurrection in Gatlinburg. In case you can’t identify this rough lookin’ posse, (left to right) John Patterson, John McBride, George Weller, Darren Kitts, and Glenn England.

**(Pastor Brad’s article continued from page 1)** (against God). No ends could justify such terrible means. To claim that such an act is the will of God is to say that God is neither loving nor just.”

So then, how does one answer this difficult “Why” question? Well, I have two suggestions. First of all, stuff happens (insert another “s” word if you feel the need) in this world, and sometimes there is no rhyme or reason to it. Hurricanes happen, floods happen, tornados happen, tsunamis happen, and albeit we try to pin these natural disasters on God as a form of punishment towards a particular group of people, you cannot make it stick to God (I will deal with this issue in another article concerning the nature of God). Stuff simply happens. The second suggestion as we wrestle with the “Why” question is something called “free will.” We humans sometimes make questionable, terrible, ill-willed, risky, ugly, evil, reckless decisions that hurt people and hurt ourselves. And, yes, there are often times consequences to those decisions we make, and sometimes the consequences are painful. But let us be clear that such decisions that we make **BECAUSE OF FREE WILL** have little to do with God. This is probably the hardest part of the “why” question to swallow.

So now what? Well, I always make this suggestion when we are dealing with these difficult “why” questions regarding the goodness of God and human suffering: we need to change our “why” questions into “how” questions. For example: given this terrible thing that has happened in my life, her life, that country, or wherever the “why” question is pertinent, we need to ask “how” am I going to live given these circumstances? As a believer in a loving God, as a follower of Jesus Christ, how am I going to live into this situation? How am I going to change the way I live? How am I going to walk with those people who are suffering? How am I going to serve those in need? How am I going to be the hands and feet of Christ to those who are grappling for answers? How am I going to put my faith in Christ and commit myself to healing, to justice, and to loving? Sometimes, my friends, we have to be the answer through the way we live our lives. And of course, the way we live our lives needs to be patterned after the loving, grace-filled, sacrificial life of Jesus Christ. For it is through the life of Christ and **THROUGH US** that God is bringing this world back to God’s Kingdom.

Okay, so my struggle with these questions is not going to be short on words. But your tough questions deserve a right amount of time in giving the best faithful answer I can give as I **ALSO** struggle with these important and difficult questions. May God’s grace and peace be with you all. And again, thanks for your questions!

## REVIEW OF 2011 & START OF 2012

Share your various God-given gifts. Blessings result as we accept our Christian callings to give back to God what is God's anyway.

**How Did We End 2011?** Financially, the year 2011 ended with total gifts of \$4,388 above our \$628,893 budgeted requirements. Praise God! This was the first year since 2006 in which we exceeded our annual budget. After some rather rough times during the year, the congregation stepped up to help meet SUMC's financial needs in the final few weeks.

We were thus able to fully fund both our 2011 Maryville District and our tithe to the Holston Conference. Much of that sharing is used to help spread God's Word around the nation and globe, through the works of many and various ministries. Praise God for any and all such blessings that SUMC can share with others! Further, and importantly, SUMC was able to pay back the loan that had to be taken when "cash flow problems" were at their worst around mid-year.

**What About 2012?** SUMC has approved a slightly smaller 2012 budget of \$628,560. The decrease is mainly due to our savings brought about by SUMC's lower mortgage interest rate and budget reductions.

To date, 54 commitments (pledges) have been received towards the 2012 budget (that is 27% of the 200 active giving units). Thank you to those who have already made this commitment with God.

As we continue to grow spiritually and graciously give back to God that small tithing portion which He asks and truly deserves, prayers are that we will support this year's budget consistently throughout the year, thereby avoiding the complications and restrictions of past years.

**How Are We Doing So Far?** Through the first four Sundays of 2012, a total income of \$46,360 is needed for us to be current with our budgeted requirements. We have received a total of \$43,935 to date for these first four Sundays of this new year. We pray that SUMC will soon make up this deficit and then continue to keep pace so that we may faithfully pursue God's calling for our congregation in the Seymour community. If we all make that extra commitment to take an additional step forward in our walk of faith, and give from our hearts, SUMC will be able to pursue God's will for our church's future direction.

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*If you have not yet made your commitment to GOD's causes, please pray about this and turn in your filled-out 2012 financial pledge card as soon as possible. Misplaced yours? Cards are available at church. Don't forget the convenient option of electronic funds transfers.*

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"Together, We Can!" Please continue to "give first to the Lord." SUMC can then continue, and perhaps even expand upon, all of God's work – internally, locally, and worldwide. Pray for our church, and "put legs on those prayers!"

Respectfully submitted with prayers for all!

Dave Manners, Finance/Stewardship Committee



## "SECRET" GIFT FOR BISHOP SWANSON



Bishop James Swanson has inspired Holston Conference with his preaching, leadership, and passion for the past eight years and the time has come to honor him. The Holston Conference Committee on Episcopacy will be collecting donations towards an appreciation gift for Bishop Swanson as he completes his tenure in Holston Conference. We are being asked to collect monies for this **GIFT OF LOVE** on Sunday, February 12 and send one check from our church to the Holston Conference Treasurer. Funds received for this **GIFT OF LOVE** will be divided between two funds:

- 1) A new fund will be established in memory of Bishop Swanson's mother and will be used to support issues and concerns surrounding domestic violence.
- 2) Half of the monies will be used to supplement the already existing fund in honor of Bishop Swanson's father which goes to support continuing education for clergy.

Both of these matters are dear to Bishop Swanson's heart. Please help us show him how dear he is to our hearts by generously and gratefully giving to this **GIFT OF LOVE**. Checks should be made out to Holston Conference, marked "Bishop's Gift" and turned in to our office. Questions can be directed to Rev. Nance at (865) 690-1060.

# Season of Lent

## LENTEN COMMUNION

One spiritual practice we encourage during the season of Lent is the celebration of Holy Communion. We will offer Holy Communion twice a week during Lent this year. It will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:15 P.M. in the Prayer Chapel room. We will also offer it again on Thursdays at 12:00 noon. Come as you are. And if you have not participated in the weekly celebration of Holy Communion, this may be a wonderful time to enter this spiritual practice for a season of 40 days.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS DURING LENT

The season of Lent always brings about change within our worship and devotional life here at the church. This, of course, is representative of the change that the season of Lent calls us to in our own spiritual lives. For we take these 40 days leading up to Holy Week as a time to reflect on God's magnanimous love shown to us through the life, the teachings, the example, the suffering, and the death of Jesus Christ, the one we proclaim as Lord and Savior of this world. So, we offer opportunities for reflection and change during the season of Lent as we seek to become more faithful followers of Jesus.

The first Wednesday night of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. We will have a service of Worship & Imposition of Ashes in the sanctuary beginning at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

On Wednesday, February 29, we will have a night of prayer (call it a "Concert of Prayer" or an old fashion "Prayer Meeting") beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary.

On the Wednesday nights during the month of March, we will gather in the sanctuary to have a Bible study on the spiritual discipline of prayer. We will especially focus on Jesus' own prayer life and how he was disciplined in prayer, and what implications that might have on our prayer lives. The Youth will still have their movie study, but there will be no other small groups on Wednesdays during the month of March.

So join us for dinner (begins at 5:30 P.M. every Wednesday night; sign up by calling the church office or filling out the Sunday Morning attendance form) and worship, prayer, and study on Wednesday Nights during the season of Lent for 2012.

## LENTEN PRAYER

In addition to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday, February 29 and a study on prayer for the Wednesday evenings in March, we will have the Sanctuary open for prayer on Thursdays from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. We will have lists of prayer requests available for you to lift up in prayer, and we will also have places where you may record items for which you desire prayer. We encourage you, especially in the busy-ness of life, to carve out some time and space to enter into a holy conversation with the God who loves you deeply and completely. Come and pray, and know that you are being prayed for every day.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

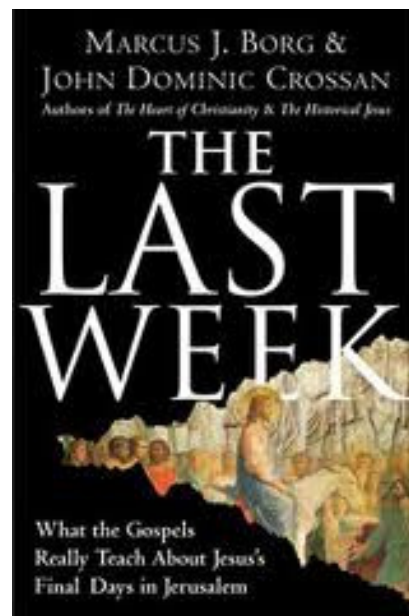
DATE	SPEAKER	MENU
1st	Worship A Night of Testimonies	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
8th	Small Group Studies	BBQ, Potato Salad, Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
15th	Small Group Studies	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
22nd	Ash Wednesday Service	Chicken Tetrizzini, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
29th	Prayer Meeting	Lasagna, Garlic Toast, Salad, Dessert & Drink

## NEW STUDY FOR LENT

A 9-week study based on the book “The Last Week” will begin on Sunday, February 5th and continue through Palm Sunday on April 1st during the normal Sunday school hour. It will be held in Room 206 and will be moderated by Harry Switzer. The class is open to everyone!

The study book, written by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan relates to, and gives an in-depth look at the purpose and activities of Jesus’ last week of life on earth (as recorded in the Gospel of Mark); and is set against the background of the Jewish temple priests (Sadducees) who were in close collaboration with Roman Imperial control.

This is NOT a ‘lecture type’ class! Instead, it will consist of weekly open discussions based on the chapter read in your preparation for that particular class. The study book may be purchased at the 1st class meeting on February 5th.



## FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Sermon Series -- Why I Don't Go to Church "The Only Thing They Want is My Wallet"</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>2:00 PM Trustees Meeting</p> <p>4:30 PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Council</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Snack Supper</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Activities</p> <p>6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Older Adult Ministries Council Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</p> <p>Spaghetti</p> <p>5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom</p> <p>6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries</p> <p>6:30 PM M &amp; Ms</p> <p>6:30 PM Worship</p> <p>7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out)</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00 PM Soccer Registration</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Sermon Series -- Why I Don't Go to Church "It is Out of Date on Current Issues"</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00 AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>4:30 PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Snack Supper</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Activities</p> <p>6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM Cub Scout Pack Den #10</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Study</p> <p>4:00 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal</p> <p>BBQ</p> <p>5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom</p> <p>6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries</p> <p>6:30 PM M &amp; Ms</p> <p>6:30 PM Small Groups</p> <p>7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out)</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Sermon Series -- Why I Don't Go to Church "It is No Different Than the Rest of the World"</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>Meatloaf</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Youth Ski Trip</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Youth Ski Trip</p> <p>9:00 AM Groundskeepers</p>

<p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 12:30 PM Finance Team Meeting 2:30 PM Monthly Order of the Arrow Scout Meeting 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Worship 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Super Bowl Party</p>	<p>6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Staff Study 4:00 PM Righteous Ringers 4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal Chicken Tetraxini 5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 6:30 PM M &amp; Ms 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 8:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>
<p>19 Sermon Series -- Why I Don't Go to Church "Nobody Has Ever Invited Me" 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 2:00 PM Monthly Pack Meeting 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Youth Snack Supper 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Activities 6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>20 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>21 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Staff Study 4:00 PM Righteous Ringers 4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal Chicken Tetraxini 5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 6:30 PM M &amp; Ms 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 8:15 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out) 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting 7:00 PM Girlfriends Unlimited 10:00 PM Laser Quest</p>
<p>26 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Contemporary Worship 3:30 PM Youth Council 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Youth Snack Supper 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM Youth Activities 6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>27 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop Meeting 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>28 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 4:00 PM Righteous Ringers 4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Fellowship Meal Lasagna 5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom 6:15 PM Holy Communion 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting 6:30 PM M &amp; Ms 6:30 PM Small Groups 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>1 Office Closed</p>	<p>2 Office Closed 9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out) 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>
<p>Staff Training Event</p>			<p>3 Office Closed 9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out) 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>3 Office Closed 9:00 AM PDO (Parents Day Out) 6:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meeting</p>	<p>True Love Waits</p>

## February Birthday Celebrations!

We'd like to wish the following individuals a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** in the month of February:



- 2 – Joyce Rusk, Stephanie Moore, Thomas Smith
- 4 – Imogene Fowler, Alton Browning, Kimberly Pegler
- 5 – Pam Blanchard, Bethany Stafford, Karl Hosler
- 6 – Judy Rogers
- 7 – Mary McBride, Hannah South, Allie Hemphill
- 8 – Marcus Finchum, Paula York, Justin Kirby
- 9 – Bob Swafford
- 10 – Suzanne South, Lilah Grace Kitts
- 11 – Doug Werker
- 12 – Bryon Wilson
- 13 – Rylie McClurg
- 14 – Lesa Newman
- 16 – Tim Manners, Paula Wilson
- 17 – Eric Browning
- 18 – Jack Gooch, Hal Hubbs
- 21 – Eric Smith
- 22 – Susie Smith
- 23 – Marilyn Bocik, Mike Clark, Sabrina Frankenfield
- 24 – Rick Collier, Tia Collier, Judy Ogle
- 26 – Louie Glenn
- 27 – Vickie Hill, Joshua Hyde, Carol Huntley, Meghan Moser



*If your birthday was not listed in the appropriate month or date, please contact Michelle Hurton at the church to make sure we have your correct birth date. We'd like to honor you during your special month!*



*Thank heaven for the generous, giving hearts of people like you.*

Thank you all so very much for providing a wonderful Christmas for over 40 Seymour children. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Thank you for reaching out to our community.

Angela Lindsey, Seymour Primary  
Melinda Sutton, Seymour Intermediate

**Angie Stafford, Director of Children's Ministries**

**Volunteers are Needed:** If you feel that God is calling you to work with the children of our church, then we can certainly find a place for you. We can use help in the following areas: Children's Church, Walker Toddler Nursery, Infant Nursery and teaching or shepherding in Sunday School.

Remember our children's program can not flourish without your help. We need everyone. If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas or any other areas of the children's ministries, please contact Angie Stafford @ 573-9711 ext. 23 or e-mail [anstaff@seymourumc.org](mailto:anstaff@seymourumc.org). Remember that it takes a village to raise our children and Seymour United Methodist Church has an awesome village.

## GIRLFRIENDS UNLIMITED



### *A Taste of Mardi Gras*



**WHO:** All "Girlfriends" ages 18-100

**WHERE:** Seymour United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

**WHEN:** Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

Free refreshments, crafts, devotions, games, and fellowship!  
Sashay on over for a little taste of Mardi  
Gras and see what all the excitement is about!

*For more information, please contact Kim Leake at 382-1754  
or Michelle Hurton at 573-9711x11.*

*Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

# Passionate Worship

## TRADITIONAL SERVICE

Gaile Todd,  
Director of Choirs



### THE MUSIC MINISTRY AT SUMC HAS NEED OF THE FOLLOWING:

Accompanist for Kids of the Kingdom children's choir

More voices to sing praises to God in the Chancel, Youth and Children's Choirs.

More ringers in the Alleluia Ringers



### February Rehearsal Schedule:

- Kids of the Kingdom – 5:45 – February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Righteous Ringers ---- 4:00 – February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Youth Choir ----- 4:50 – February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
- Alleluia Ringers ----- 6:30 – February 6, 13, 20, 27
- Chancel Choir ----- 6:30 – February 7, 14, 21, 28

## USHERS

8:45 am

Rick Gillespie & Gina Noles  
Paul Hartigan

11:00 am

Susan (H) & Glenn England  
Doug Newport



## MEMORIALS

In Memory of:  
Gracie

Given By:  
Donna Kay Hanshaw

In Memory of:  
Betty Bailey  
(Judy Ogle's Stepmother)

Given By:  
Dave & Arlene Manners

In Memory of:  
Floyd McInturff

Given By:  
Arlene & Dave Manners

**Rev. Darren Kitts**

**Associate Pastor / Spiritual Growth & Youth Min-**

## **Resurrection 2012**

Have you ever been to a “Chocolate Church”? The youth and adults who attended Resurrection 2012 can say that they have. All those who went had a great time and a spiritually powerful experience. The speaker, Reggie Dabbs, had a wonderful message for everyone and the group time was also extremely meaningful. The spirit of God was moving among our group over the weekend. If you ask us the one thing we learned it would be: “I Can, You Can, We Can, I Got Your Back!” I pray that this weekend will continue to transform everyone who attended and a special thank you to everyone that helped and prayed for the weekend.

## **Confirmation Class 2012**

With the coming of spring the church begins its confirmation classes. We will be holding classes Sunday afternoons before regular Sunday evening youth activities. During the classes we will cover a variety of topics, as we help youth understand more of what it means to be a follower of Christ and a member of the United Methodist Church. So please lift up all the students in the Confirmation class and ask that God will open their hearts and minds to all God’s blessings and peace.

## **Super Bowl XLVI Party**

We will be gathering for a time of fellowship as we watch the game and see the new commercials for 2012. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. We are asking everyone to bring a finger food snack to share and a 2 liter soft drink. We will have worship at 5:30pm and then move to the fellowship hall for the kick-off at 6:25pm. If football is not your “cup of tea” then we will have board games and card games set up in the back of the fellowship hall. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend or reconnect with the youth group. If you have any questions on what to bring, please talk to Wendy Weller or Susan England.

## **4th Annual Car Show**

Put on your calendars Saturday, April 21st from 7:00am to 5:00pm. We will be hosting our fourth Seymour UMC Youth Car, Truck and Tractor show. Remember that this is a fundraiser for our youth trips and we need volunteers to help with concessions, music, door prizes and friendly faces to welcome the community into our midst. For more information please talk to either Darren Kitts or Bobby Jennings.

## **Sunday Evenings**

Feb. 5 – Worship (5:30pm)  
Super Bowl Party (6:30pm)  
Feb. 12 – Normal Schedule  
Feb. 19 – Missions Event  
Feb. 26 – Normal Schedule



## **Youth Council Meeting**

Youth Council Meeting will be Sunday, February 26 at 3:30 pm in Room 209. We will cover the spring events for March, April and May. Sr. High Laser Quest, Car Show, True Love Waits Weekend, Missions, and other items will be on the agenda.



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Associate Pastor/Spiritual Growth & Youth Ministries,  
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Michelle Hurton  
Director of Children's Ministries, Angie Stafford  
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Director of Youth Choir, Ashley Lockridge  
Administrative Assistant, Sherri Franklin  
Organist, John Bawcum  
Chef, Clay Stokes

## CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



Have you found your ministry here at Seymour United Methodist Church? Do you have an hour or two a week? Do you have a "green thumb?"

We need someone to care for our plants in the church building. This would include watering, feeding, pruning, replanting and general nurturing. Plants are part of God's creation, and need attention.

If you might be interested, please notify the church office.

