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# Seymour News

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Pastor

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SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- Local Authors
- 2011 Hands-On Mission Project
- Golden Opportunity
- Refresh
- Missions Fair & Renewal Event



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Dr. Fred Craddock, pastor of Cherry Log Christian Church in north Georgia, tells a story about a time when he preached a four night revival at a rather large church in Atlanta. During the services each evening, the pastor of the church would take a moment for the people to “pass the peace” with one another. He would say, “We will now have our moment of fellowship. Greet each other in Christian love!” And apparently, you had never seen such hugging and kissing and carrying on in your life. People were crossing the room, going up and down the aisles, grabbing and hugging one another like there was no end in sight. Even Dr. Craddock, the guest preacher, received a few hugs and handshakes. Apparently, it was quite something to behold, this moment of fellowship each night during the revival week. Eventually, the pastor of the church would have to get up and say, “All right, all right. Now let’s pull it back together. We have to get on with our worship service.” Every night, the congregation had to be reigned in so that the worship service could continue as planned.

On the last night, after all four revival services were over, the pastor and his wife took Dr. Craddock and his wife out for coffee and dessert. The pastor said to the Craddocks, “Did you ever see such a church family? Did you ever see such love in your life in a church?” Mrs. Craddock responded (rather curtly), “Well, yes I have, actually.” The pastor was taken back and replied, “What do you mean?” She said, “I was there every night this week for the entirety of all four services. And with 7 or 8 minutes of hugging and hand-shaking going on every night, not a single person ever came up and spoke to me.” He smiled (as if there was an easy solution to this quandary) and said, “Nettie, that’s because nobody knew who you were!”

Now think about that.

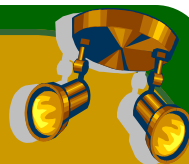
Do we get so comfortable with the people that are familiar to us that we forget our mission as followers of Jesus? Especially when people come to our church building to visit, do we neglect the call to be hospitable to the stranger? Some statistics based on studies of congregations show that first time visitors will decide within the first 8 minutes whether or not they will return the next week. At our church, the first 8 minutes consists of the time one walks through the door to the time the music begins at the beginning of the worship service. Which means, a person has not yet heard the choir sing, the band play, the preacher preach, or anything else that happens beyond the “greeting time” at the beginning of our worship service. And that begs the question: when I ask for people to go and find someone you do not know or have not seen in a while, do you take that charge seriously? Or is it the “same ol’ same ol’ routine?” Yes, it is good to catch up with those you know, but is it not better to extend a warm invitation the one that you do not know? As the Bible puts it, you never know when you might be “entertaining angels.”

We have a great Greater Ministry and Usher Ministry. These persons are often times the “front line” for our visitors. But, it is EVERYONE’S call to extend the love and grace of God through our kind words, warm hospitality, and loving acts. We have 8 minutes every Sunday. And we have plenty of minutes EVERY DAY in the places we live and work and attend school. May we exhibit that extravagant love with every opportunity we get! And remember to invite someone to our 4 night revival beginning Sunday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m. (see the article within the newsletter for more details).

Grace & Peace to you all!

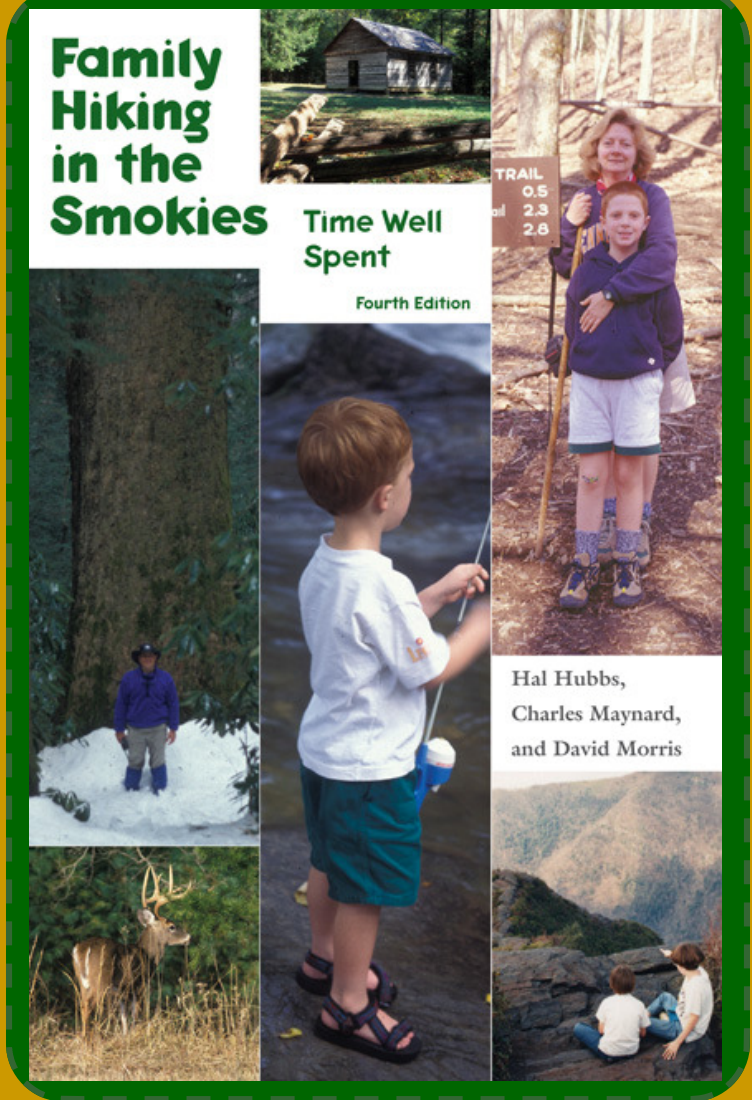
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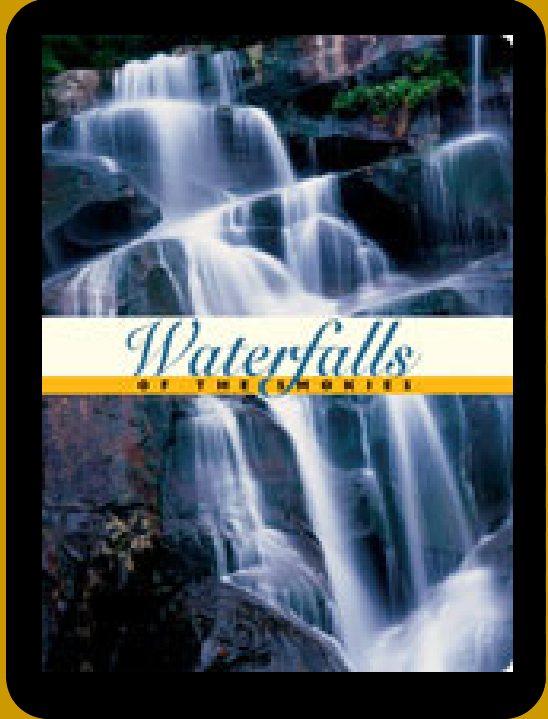
## SPOTLIGHT

## LOCAL AUTHORS



Hal Hubbs, Charles Maynard, and David Morris

Hal Hubbs is co-author of two books - Family Hiking in the Smokies-Time Well Spent and Waterfalls of the Smokies. Both of these books capture Hal's interest in the Smokies and his love of God's creation. The first version of the Family Hiking in the Smokies came out twenty years ago but has been updated and revised several times. Hal's photos appear in both of these works. He collaborated with two former Seymour UMC folks - David Morris and Charles Maynard on both of these projects. Hal, Elizabeth, and Will continue to hike, photograph, write, and introduce people to the mountains.



See inside back cover for information on another Seymour UMC member author.



## Young Adult Sunday School Class

Pastor Brad is teaching a new Young Adult Sunday School Class that is designed for college students, young couples without children, and post-college singles ranging from 18 to 30 something years of age. There have been eight people attending during the month of February, but there is room for more! We meet in the church library, and we are studying the topic "The Mystery of God." Please pass the word along as we begin to plant some new seeds for ministry here at Seymour United Methodist Church.

## 2011 Hands-On Mission Project-Liberia & Zimbabwe Conference

This year the Maryville District has been asked to put together 300 School Supply Kits for the 2011 Holston Annual Conference Hands-On Mission Project.

**Note:** A \$5.00 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit.

*Each church is to bring ONE check for the total donation amount.*

*Make checks out to Seymour UMC and put 2011 Hands-On in the memo line.*

### Do not put money in the kit!

3 spiral notebooks (70 count)

1-10 pack of Pens (blue or black)

1 coloring book

1 small back pack

3 boxes of chalk

1 box of crayons or magic markers (24 count)

1 pack wide-ruled notebook paper

1 small dictionary (new or used)

1-12-inch ruler

1 pack of erasers

1-10 pack of pencils

### Pack all items in back pack.

*Please return the kits to the church office no later than Sunday, June 5, 2011*

## 2011 Marriage Enrichment Retreat

The seventh annual Marriage Enrichment Retreat for Couples in Ministry in Holston Conference will be held at the Buffalo Mountain Retreat Center on March 18-20, 2011. The event is designed to provide quality time for clergy couples during a weekend away from work and family responsibilities. All costs for housing, meals, and leadership are covered by the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Holston Nurture Team. Information about the retreat and a registration form are included in a brochure that is available from the district office or from Pete and Ginny Rowlett (865-966-9776; [bee.rowlett@gmail.com](mailto:bee.rowlett@gmail.com))

## Golden Opportunities Event

Please make plans now to attend the second Golden Opportunities Event scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Fairview UMC, 2508 Old Niles Ferry Road, Maryville. A registration fee of \$10 is due by March 21st. Choose from workshop topics such as Bible study, Estate Planning, Legal Issues, Medicare, Physical Fitness, and the Years to Come. Bishop Richard Looney will be the worship leader, Doug Richesin, musical guest and afternoon speaker, Rev. Ralph Kidd. There will be displays and blood pressure checks offered. This event is for all adults, especially those ages 50 and above. Brochures are on the table in the hallway east of the sanctuary or contact the church office.

# Children's Schedules

Hello all! This is the Children's Church Schedule for March 2011. Please make a note of the date(s) you are scheduled to volunteer. If you need to switch dates with someone, please take care of this in a timely manner and notify me, Erin Webb, at 573-9793. Also, I would like you to prepare your own curriculum for the class. I have a new book specially geared towards Children's Church available for you to copy in my office. If you would like to borrow it, just let me know. Thanks for all your help!!!

## Children's Church Schedule

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am 11:00 am	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON COMMUNION SUNDAY
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am 11:00 am	Karl Allen Megan Kenner
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am 11:00 am	Erin Webb Angie and Bethany Stafford
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am 11:00 am	Doug and Anna Werker Greg and Susan Foreman

## Nursery Schedule

### 8:45 Service - Nursery Room #101

- 3/6 - Mary McBride & Robin Venner
- 3/13 - Mary McBride & Hannah South
- 3/20 - Mary McBride & Rylie McClurg
- 3/27 - Mary McBride & Leslie Weller

### 10:00 Sunday School Hour

All Children 3 & under come to Infant Room

Date	Paid Staff/Volunteers
March 6	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
March 13	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
March 20	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
March 27	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke

### 11:00 Worship Service

Date	Infant Room # 101	Walker/Toddler Room # 110
3/6	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings	Renee & Bethany Stafford
3/13	Robyn Robb & Bethany Stafford	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
3/20	Debbie & Callie Moore	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
3/27	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings	Brook & Ginny Hemphill



# Schedules & Announcements

## HOSPITALITY

Looking for a fun way to interact with visitors and your church family? Be a GREETER! Greeters are needed for both services. If interested, please contact Janyce Cruze at 579-2556.



## C.R.O.S.S. Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

This is not your normal "run-of-the-mill" spaghetti supper. This delicious spaghetti sauce is a special recipe created over thirty years ago by SFB member, Linda Sunday. The menu includes garlic bread, spring mix salad, and a very large array of home baked goods to choose from for dessert. There will also be a huge bake sale of home baked goods prepared by several members of the CROSS sponsoring churches. There were over 50 home baked cakes, pies, brownies, pumpkin rolls, and even fried pies donated for this bake sale last year. You have to arrive early to get the best picks!

**Event to take place at Seymour First Baptist Church (11621 Chapman Hwy in Seymour) Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:00 PM. Eat in or take out for \$7.00.** Children under 12 with an adult eat free. Tickets can be purchased from our C.R.O.S.S. representative, Buddy Greene. Connie's Kitchen restaurant at 10231 Chapman Hwy, or at the door the night of the event.

## CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

Christian Friends Women's Group will be meeting on Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of our church are invited to join us. We will be going to the Gondolier for lunch following the meeting.

## GOOD AGE GROUP

On Thursday, March 18th the Good Age Group will meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. For more information, please contact Willette Elford at 577-7142 or Marilyn Bocik at 577-0270.

Out to LUNCH!

## SCRAPBOOKING

We will meet on Friday, March 25th, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome to join us for this time of scrapbooking and fellowship. For more information contact Janelle McBride at 579-1570.



## SOUL SISTERS

Soul Sisters will be meeting at the church on March 8th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring side dishes and desserts. Don't forget your glue gun. We will make gifts for Kairos Weekend. For more information, contact Jean Capps at 573-5664.

## Ushers

8:45 am

Vic & Patti Davis  
Chester McInturff

11:00 am

Angela (Head) & Clark Lindsey  
Doug Newport

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,.... but treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal."  
(Matthew 6:19a,20 paraphrased)*

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



*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!*

## **Birthd**ay** Celebrations!**

- 1 – Justin Finchum, Danni Stahlke**
- 2 – Alan Cheatham, MacKenzie Thornton**
- 3 – Jordin Wilson**
- 4 – Sharon Davis**
- 5 – Shirley Ellis**
- 6 – Lauren Wright, Shelly Hosler**
- 7 – Samantha Vandergriff**
- 8 – Bo Bogardus, Leslie Choy**
- 10 – Chester McInturff**
- 11 – John Patterson, Jr., Harry Switzer, Ginny Hemphill**
- 12 – George Hyfantis, Steve Wright, April Trentham**
- 13 – John Bawcum, Andy Whisler**
- 14 – Christopher LaBello**
- 15 – Nicholas Gioioso, Cleigh Armbrister**
- 16 – Bill McCann, Doug Newport, Tanya Magness, Brian York**
- 17 – James Allen, Michael Moser, Tim Stafford, Joyce Wooliver, Matthew Bogardus**
- 21 – Miranda Pratt**
- 23 – Jeri Whisler**
- 27 – Lisa Garren, Derek Moore, Paul Terranova**
- 28 – Amanda Crawford, John Patterson III, Linda Wright**

## **Refresh!**

Refresh is a one-day experience designed for church leaders and spouses; it will be a day filled with teaching and prayer to bring encouragement, unity, and refreshment to church leaders. The event is led by Pastor Jim Cymbala, author of Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire and senior pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church, a 10,000+ multi-cultural congregation in New York. After years of praying and inviting Pastor Cymbala, Knoxville is excited about this wonderful opportunity for the spiritual leaders of our region. Refresh! is scheduled for Thursday, March 24th from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 at the Knoxville Convention Center. The cost is only \$25 per person and includes lunch and materials. Scholarships are available. Space is limited so register as soon as possible. For more information and to register, go to [www.refreshpastors.com](http://www.refreshpastors.com) and click on the red registration box.

## Check this out! Look at what's new in your church library!

### **Fiction:**

**Mended Heart** by our very own Mary Manners!!

Across the Years by Tracie Peterson

Beneath a Harvest Sky by Tracie Peterson

Shadows of the Canyon by Tracie Peterson

A Dropped Stitches Christmas by Janet Tronstad

Hannah's Hope by Karen Kingsbury

The Drifter by Lori Copeland

The Peacemaker by Lori Copeland

Central Park by Debra White Smith

Scoop by Renee Gutteridge

The Potluck Club: Trouble's Brewing by Linda Evans Sheperd and Eva Marie Everson

Rahab's Story by Ann Burton

Sisterchick's Go Brit! by Robin Jones Gunn

Washington by Wanda E. Brunstetter and Lauraine Snelling

Dawn's Light by Terri Blackstock

South Carolina by Yvonne Lehman

North Carolina by Terry Fowler

Summer Dreams by Vera Boyd Jones and others

### **DVD:**

The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel and Garry Poole

I Saw the Lord by Anne Graham Lotz

### **Non-Fiction:**

Jerusalem Countdown by John Hagee

Enough, Discovering Joy through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton

On Becoming Wise by Gary Ezzo and Robert Bucknam

Six Hours One Friday by Max Lucado

The Book: Speaking of Women's Health

The God I Love by Joni Eareckson Tada

Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White by Adam Hamilton

Ephesians: Finding Your Identity in Christ by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz

Amish Grace by Donald B Kraybill , Steven M Nolt and David L Weaver-Zercker

Getting Old Ain't for Wimps by Karen O'Conner

My thanks to Joyce Terranova for her help getting these books cataloged and ready to be checked out!

See our "New Arrivals" shelf to check out one of these great books!



Happy reading!  
Robyn Robb

# Calendar

## MARCH 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45AM</p> <p>Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Worship</p> <p>4:30PM Confirmation Class</p> <p>5:30 PM Snack Supper</p> <p>6:00 PM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>6:15 PM Missions Fair &amp; Shop the World</p> <p>7:00 PM Youth Worship</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM Parent's Day Out (PDO)</p> <p>10:00AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:15 PM Missions Fair &amp; Shop the World</p> <p>6:30 PM Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Renewal Event</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:15PM Missions Fair &amp; Shop the World</p> <p>7:00PM Renewal Event</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Parent's Day Out (PDO)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>3:45 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:00 PM Older Adult Ministries Meeting</p> <p>4:45 PM KOK (Children's Choir)</p> <p>4:45 PM Youth Choir</p> <p>5:30 PM Meal (Pork Loin) &amp; Sharing Time</p> <p>6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries</p> <p>6:15 PM Missions Fair &amp; Shop the World</p> <p>7:00 PM M &amp; Ms</p> <p>7:00 PM Renewal Event</p> <p>8:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:00AM Christian Friends</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO)</p> <p>4:30 PM Youth Winter Jam</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM AYSO Referee Training</p>
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# Living to Show Jesus

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## SUMC's Special Invested Funds

Seymour United Methodist Church has two well-established funds invested with and managed by the Holston Conference Foundation. The Foundation now manages over \$75 million in assets – mostly from churches.

Fund Names: The “Jason C. Roe Scholarship Fund” & “Ebenezer Fund.” Both were established (and announced) a few years ago by some very gracious and anonymous gifts for the exclusive benefit of our church and church family.

Worth: Present approximate value of the “Jason C. Roe College Scholarship Fund” is \$23,000. The approximate value of the “Ebenezer Fund” is \$43,000.

So What? This article is intended to make better known the *existence* and *purpose* of these dedicated funds, and to encourage everyone to pray about their own possible “ways and means” to help these funds grow. Further purpose is to plant seeds so that others might also be moved to establish funds for God’s work. What a wonderful consideration this would be for anyone doing their estate planning. The Holston Foundation stands ready and willing to work with you in such planning and in any other ways it can.

Following is a brief summary of the main intentions of the special funds.

Jason C. Roe Scholarship Fund: Established for providing \$1,000 college scholarship awards to qualified high school graduating students who are members of SUMC, to encourage them to further advance their college education at any of the Holston Conference sponsored colleges. An application form is a part of the documentation and needs to be submitted to the church for approval.

Ebenezer Fund: Established with the main purpose of providing a sort of “buffer fund” in case SUMC’s short-term “cash flow” situation gets to the point of seriously affecting our continued functioning. Any such loans are expected to be paid back, but free of any interest. Basically, it is kind of a “bail-out” plan, to use current day terminology. When the fund grows to a certain level, money becomes available for use by the Trustees for the benefit of SUMC.

Controls? Both the Holston Foundation and our SUMC church office have documentation which fully details the “policies and procedures” of these funds. These documents specify the restrictions and regulations of these funds and basically control where, when and how each is to be used.

What’s Ahead? With prayer and God’s help, these funds will continue to grow in two ways: (1) through *reinvestment* of the earnings; and (2) with *additional donations* from others of our church family, who are both concerned with, and dedicated to, praising God with “above & beyond” gifts for these worthy causes. Any additional donations should be plainly marked for “Scholarship” OR “Ebenezer” Fund. We pray that these well-intended funds continue to grow.

Give God great thanks and praises for these funds having been created and pray that they might prove to be an additional blessing for SUMC. Pray also that they provide an added incentive for others of our congregation to share a small portion of their many financial blessings. *You WILL be BLESSED!*

Respectfully submitted by Dave Manners, Stewardship

## New on Wednesdays

*(Please meet in Room #110)*

DATE	SPEAKER	MENU	CHILD CARE LEADERS
March 2	Missions Renewal Service with Communion, Rev. Brad Hyde	Pork Loin, Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
March 9	Ash Wednesday Service	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
March 16	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	Cheeseburger Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
March 23	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	Chicken, Gravy over Rice, Corn, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
March 30	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings

## Missions Fair and Renewal Event

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 27<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011! It's Seymour UMC's Mission Fair and Renewal Event! Each evening will feature a different speaker to encourage and equip us to minister to those in our community. This four-night event will begin with Rev. Jason Roe, an evangelist for the Holston Conference and head of JC Ministries, which is dedicated to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world. Paul Danis, director of LIVE-IT ministries, will bring the message on Monday night. LIVE-IT is a non-profit ministry that gives modern day followers of Jesus Christ an opportunity to act on the word of God by serving others. Then on Tuesday evening Rev. Brent Freeman, lead pastor at Pathways Church in Sevierville, TN, will be speaking to us about reaching our community for Christ. Rev. Brad Hyde will close this event on Wednesday and offer Holy Communion.

"Shop the World Gifts" will also be set up each evening in the youth room. "Shop the World" is a Fair Trade Ministry that fights world poverty and hunger by providing third world artisans an opportunity to earn a living by helping them market their handmade creations. Available for purchase each evening will be jewelry, baskets, pottery, nativities, and much more.

A missions fair will also be set up in the fellowship hall Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. Various ministries will be on-hand to discuss what services they provide and how you can get involved. These ministries will include LIVE-IT, The Next Door, Smoky Mountain Area Rescue Ministries, JC Ministries, Operation Christmas Child and many more! Come find out how you can minister to those in need of Christ in third world countries, as well as those in your backyard!!!

## PRAISE TEAM NEWS

Candy Fansler, Contemporary Worship Leader

There are so many definitions of worship out there, and so many schools of thought that I have come to the conclusion, you can't really pinpoint it to a simple definition. I suppose that is because it relates to our God that is...well...INDESCRIBABLE! However, I think I can safely say that SUMC has embraced Passionate Worship as one of its core values simply because we realize how important it is to have worship services that allow it's people to approach the throne and give glory to our Lord so in turn He will dwell in our midst and touch our hearts and minds.



Bless the Lord. Hear, O kings; give ear, O rulers! I will sing to the Lord, I will sing,  
I will sing praise to the Lord, the God of Israel.  
(From the song of Deborah) Judges 5b:2-3

*Please check your e-mails and schedule on the bulletin board in the choir room.  
Don't hesitate to call if you are unsure of when you are on team.*

If you are a musician, singer or **sound tech (we can train you)** and would be interested in participating in the Contemporary Worship Service, please call the church office or e-mail me at [candy@seymourmc.org](mailto:candy@seymourmc.org)

Gaile Todd, Director of Choirs

## ORGAN CONCERT

Sunday, April 10, 2011, 2:30 PM.

Featuring: John Bawcum and guest pianist

Come hear some of your favorite sacred melodies.

### **Knox Area Handbell Concert:**

Saturday, April 2

3:30 P.M.

Grace Lutheran Church  
Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville

This is the annual gathering of handbell choirs from area churches. There could be as many as 20 separate choirs, all ringing together. It is awesome to experience.

Our SUMC choirs will not be participating in the festival this year, but many ringers will be attending the FREE concert on Saturday afternoon. We will be car pooling to the concert. Everyone is welcome; children, youth and adults. Please contact Gaile Todd if you are interested.

### Hymn History: "Blessed Assurance"

This hymn is one of the most popular of the 8,000 or more written by Fanny Crosby. Written in 1873, it has remained unchanged since it first appeared in the "Supplement" section of the 1889 hymnal.

"Blessed Assurance" was written to a melody composed by Phoebe Knapp, a friend of Fanny Crosby's. Ms. Knapp played the tune on the piano for Ms. Crosby, and asked her what the tune said to her. Ms. Crosby replied, "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!"

Ms. Crosby believed that the success of a hymn depended on the perfect marriage of words and music to create a complete unity. For some of her hymns visiting ministers suggested themes, while for others, friends composed the music and then asked her to write the words. It is amazing that anyone, especially a blind person, could write on such a variety of spiritual truths and experiences. Some of Fanny Crosby's other hymns include "I Am Thine, O Lord," "Rescue the Perishing," and "To God Be the Glory."

## Winter Jam 2011

Come join us on Friday, March 4 for Winter Jam. We will be leaving the church at 4:30pm to travel to Thompson-Boling Arena for Winter Jam. The cost of \$10.00 for the evening is to be paid at the door. We will be back at the church between 10:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Please let Darren know if you are planning to attend so that transportation can be arranged. If you would like to see the groups that will be performing visit [www.jamtour.com](http://www.jamtour.com).

## 3rd Annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show

Put on your calendars Saturday, April 23 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and invite all your friends. We will be hosting our third annual Seymour UMC Youth Car, Truck and Tractor show. I know some of you are tired of this announcement, but we want this to be a great show and it takes lots of planning and volunteers to make that possible. Remember, this is a fundraiser for our youth's trips this coming year. 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 Darren Kitts or Bobby Jennings.

## Confirmation Class 2011

Confirmation has just begun, and I ask that you lift in prayer those who are going through the class. This is a major milestone in the life of our younger youth in the group. Please continue to show your support to them through words of encouragement and grace.

## Laser Quest Lock-in

It is time to start planning and thinking about staying up all night and playing with lasers. Please be aware that this is a first come-first serve event, so if you have a friend who would like to attend, sign-up early. Information is below:

March 11 - 12, 2011

Time 10:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Cost: \$35.00

This includes: Six hours of non-stop Laser Quest  
Snacks all night & Breakfast

Space is limited to the first 27 people that register.

\* Payment is required to hold your spot.

## March Sunday Evening Schedule

March 6 – Normal Schedule  
March 13 – Normal Schedule  
March 20 – Missions Event  
March 27 – Normal Schedule

## Youth Council Meeting



The youth council will meet on Sunday, March 20 at 3:30pm. We will discuss the Car Show, Rummage Sale Fundraiser, Amazing Race, Mission Trip, and evaluate the recent fundraisers and events for our youth. Everyone is welcome and this meeting is open to anyone who would like to help our youth grow spiritually and have fun doing it.

Gifts designated to special ministries that are not memorials or honorariums are not listed in the newsletter. Donations listed here are those which indicate "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" someone or some group.

## **MEMORIALS**

In Memory of:  
Errol Chrismon

Given By:  
Susan Evonne Stephens

In Memory of:  
Charles P. Frei  
(Father of Leslie Choy, Lisa Morris & Luann Marshall)

Given By:  
Elizabeth & Hal Hubbs

## **HONORARIAMS**

In Honor of:  
Bruce & Emily P.

Given by:  
Faith Promise

In Honor of:  
Larry & Carol Dunbar

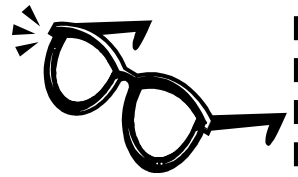
Given by:  
Arlene & Dave Manners

## **DAY OF VISION**

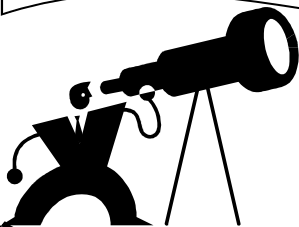
Church Leaders and Staff,

Don't miss our DAY OF VISION Event:

**March 19th, 2011**



8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m. — 9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:00 a.m. — 12 pm	Conversations with Ann Travis, Holston Conference Connectional Ministries



## Local Artist



By Robyn Robb



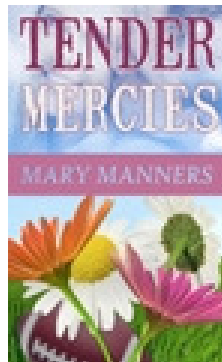
Mary Frances Manners is a local Sevier County teacher who has discovered another love in her life! She is a published author with White Rose Publishing Company and writing is her passion! Mary began writing from an early age and published her first novel in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She has participated in writing conferences and went through an author's typical trial and error process. She never gave up on her dream and took to heart the feedback from many editors. Mary realized her writing goal when she won a contest called "Finally a Bride" which is a national award for inspirational romance.

Mary writes Christian romance novels with a goal of helping every woman realize that romance is lasting. Mary's' third release, Brenna's Choice, is a short story in Kindle format available for \$1 from amazon.com and White Rose Publishing.

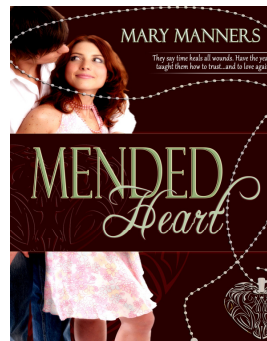
Her fourth release, Light the Fire, a full-length novel, will be available for purchase on March 11th, also at amazon.com and White Rose Publishing. To date, Mary has contracted ten books through White Rose Publishing, including a four book series. Give one a try! You won't be able to put a Mary Manners novel down!



**Light the Fire**



**Tender Mercies**



**Mended Heart**



**Brenna's Choice**

[www.MaryMannersRomance.com](http://www.MaryMannersRomance.com)

[www.whiterosepublishing.com](http://www.whiterosepublishing.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

View the **Tender Mercies** trailer at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J2wFqSsL5tI>

Mary will have a book signing here at SUMC on March 20th following both services.





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Contemporary Worship Leader, Candy Fansler  
Director of Youth Choir, Ashley Lockridge  
Administrative Assistant, Sherri Franklin  
Organist, John Bawcum  
Chef, Clay Stokes

## CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD



Mother-Daughter photos wanted for special video presentation on Mother's Day.

You can e-mail them to [elmer@sumc.org](mailto:elmer@sumc.org) or copy to CD and drop it off at the church office. Original photos can also be used and dropped off at the office. Be sure you put your name on them so we make sure you get them back. Thanks, Candy

Don't forget in your spring cleaning to start collecting and saving your items to donate for the upcoming youth rummage sale! They will be greatly appreciated!

