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Seymour News

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Pastor

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**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- Live It
- Wesley Woods Golf
- 2011 Hands-On Mission Project
- Mothers Remembered



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A few years ago, I led a small group of people through a study entitled, "We Are an Easter People: The Triumph of God's Love in Our Lives" written by John and Adrienne Carr. During our time of study between Easter and the busyness of people's summer schedules, we came across some wonderful stories and modern parables that challenged us. One in particular caught our eye, and we spent much time discussing it and asking, "If we were to really live like the people in this story eventually lived, how would it change our church? How then would that change our community, and eventually the world?" At that time in my life, I was serving a church where many people were complaining and worried about our ministries, the lack of participation, and the declining numbers in some areas of our church life. This story helped us to shift our thinking away from the complaints and worries, and we began to take the wisdom of this story and put it into practice. So, with our recent celebration of Easter, I share with you this story and invite you to join the movement of being an Easter People!

In the deep woods surrounding a monastery, there was a little hut that a rabbi from a nearby town occasionally used for a retreat. Through their many years of prayer and contemplation, the old monks had become a bit psychic; they could always sense when the rabbi was in his hut. "The rabbi is in the woods, the rabbi is in the woods again," they would whisper to each other. As he agonized over the imminent death of his order, it occurred to the abbot at one such time to go and visit the rabbi in the woods and see if, by some possible chance, he could offer any advice that might save the monastery.

The rabbi welcomed the abbot into his hut. But when the abbot explained the purpose of his visit, the rabbi could only commiserate with him. "I know how it is," he exclaimed. "The spirit has gone out of the people. It is the same in my town. Almost no one goes to the synagogue anymore." So the old abbot and the old rabbi wept to-

gether. The time came for the abbot to leave. They had prayer with one another and embraced each other. "It has been a wonderful thing that we should meet after all these years," the abbot said, "but I still failed in my purpose for coming here. Is there nothing you can tell me, no piece of advice you can give me that would help me save my dying order?"

"No, I am sorry," the rabbi responded. "I have no advice to give. The only thing I can tell you is that the Messiah is one of you." When the abbot returned to the monastery, his fellow monks gathered around him to ask, "Well, what did the rabbi say?" The abbot replied, "He couldn't help. We just talked and wept and prayed and embraced. The only thing he did say, just as I was leaving.....it was something cryptic.....was that the Messiah was one of us. I don't know what that meant."

In the days and weeks and months that followed, the old monks pondered this and wondered whether there was any possible significance to the rabbi's words. The Messiah is one of us? Could he have possibly meant one of us monks here at the monastery? If that's the case, which one? Do you suppose he meant the abbot? Yes, if he meant anyone, he probably meant Father Abbot. He has been our leader for more than a generation. On the other hand, he might have meant Brother Thomas. Certainly Brother Thomas is a holy man..... everyone knows that Brother Thomas is a man of the light. Certainly he could NOT have meant Brother Elred. Elred gets cranky at times. But come to think of it, even though he can be a thorn in people's sides, when you look back on it, Brother Elred is virtually always right. Often very right! Maybe the rabbi DID mean Brother Elred. But surely not Brother Phillip! Phillip is so passive, a real nobody! But then, almost mysteriously, he has a gift for somehow always being there when you need him. He just magically appears by your side! Maybe Brother Phillip is the Messiah. (continued on page 3)

Growing

Living

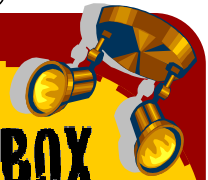
Loving

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SPOTLIGHT

LIVE-IT

TAKING THE BIBLE OUT OF THE BOX



LIVE-IT is a ministry [Non-profit 501 (c)(3)] that gives modern day followers of Jesus Christ an opportunity to act on the word of God by serving others. LIVE-IT encourages everyone to serve and use their God given talents and abilities to help others.

LIVE-IT (as its name implies) is primarily focused on practically teaching the benefits of LIVING the word of God (The Bible). The main mission of LIVE-IT is to provide opportunities for everyone to experience the "Blessings of Giving." Acts 20:35

LIVE-IT was founded on the principles in Ephesians 4 (Unity of the body). LIVE-IT provides opportunities for churches, civic organizations, business, local governments, and entire neighborhoods to unite by working together to change their community by "Loving their neighbors."

You can learn more about LIVE-It by checking out their website at www.live-it.tv. While LIVE-IT provides many opportunities to help others in our surrounding area weekly, the ministry also hosts a "Love Your Neighbor Day" one Saturday each month. Those interested will be meeting in the KMART parking lot in Sevierville on Saturday, May 14th at 8:30am. Please contact Michelle Hurton at 573-9711x11 with any questions. Make plans now to attend and prepare to **LIVE-IT!!!**



Shop the World

Ladies, did you enjoy "shopping the world" during the renewal event and missions fair? If so, then mark Saturday, June 11th on your calendar!!! We'll be taking a van to "Shop the World" in Englewood, TN. We'll also be stopping for lunch and shopping for fresh produce at the Mennonite Farmer's Market close by, so plan to make a day of it! Look for more information in the June newsletter, or contact Michelle Hurton at 573-9711x11. This is a perfect opportunity to invite your "girlfriends" that may not have a home church or are in need of a day out with the girls!

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 pack wide-ruled notebook paper
1-10 pack of Pens (blue or black)	1 small dictionary (new or used)
1 coloring book	1-12-inch ruler
1 small back pack	1 pack of erasers
3 boxes of chalk	1-10 pack of pencils
1 box of crayons or magic markers (24 count)	

Pack all items in back pack.

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

PASTOR BRAD'S ARTICLE CONTINUED:

Of course, the rabbi didn't mean me! He couldn't have possibly meant me! I'm just an ordinary person with all my flaws and problems. Yet suppose he DID mean me? Suppose I am the Messiah? O God, not me! I couldn't be that much for You, could I? As the monks contemplated in this manner, the old monks began to treat each other with extraordinary respect on the off-chance that one among them might be the Messiah. And on the off-chance that each monk himself might be the Messiah, they began to treat themselves with extraordinary respect.

Now, because the forest in which the monastery was situated was so beautiful, it so happened that people from the town still occasionally came to visit the monastery to picnic on its lawn. They would take walks on the paths around the monastery, and they would occasionally wander in to the little rustic chapel for a time of silent meditation. As they did so, and as they encountered the few monks that lived there at the monastery, the people began to sense this deep respect

that existed among the monks, a respect and reverence that radiated out from them through their words and actions. This new reverence and respect permeated the atmosphere of that old monastery. There was something strangely attractive, even compelling, about it. Hardly knowing why, the people began to come back to the monastery more frequently to picnic, to play, and to pray. They began to bring their friends to show them this special place. And their friends brought THEIR friends. Then it happened that some of the younger men who came to visit the monastery started to talk more and more with the old monks. After a while, one asked if he could join them. Then another. And another. So within a few years, the monastery had once again become a thriving order and, thanks to the rabbi's gift, a vibrant center of light and spirituality in the community.

Can it happen again, Easter People?

Grace & Peace, Brad

Children's Schedules

Hello all! This is the Children's Church Schedule for May 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!!!

Nursery Schedule

8:45 Service - Nursery Room #101

- May 1st
Mary McBride & Robin Venner
- May 8th
Mary McBride & Hannah South
- May 15th
Mary McBride & Rylie McClurg
- May 22th
Mary McBride & Leslie Weller
- May 29th
Mary McBride & Hannah South



Children's Church Schedule

- May 1st 8:45 am NO CHILDREN'S
 11:00 am CHURCH
- May 8th 8:45 am Karl Allen
 11:00 am Brad and Erin Webb
- May 15th 8:45 am Erin Webb
 11:00 am Angie and Bethany Stafford
- May 22nd 8:45 am Doug and Anna Werker
 11:00 am Greg and Susan Foreman
- May 29th 8:45 am Karl Allen
 11:00 am Brad and Erin Webb

10:00 Sunday School Hour

All Children 3 & under come to Infant Room

Date	Staff
May 1	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
May 8	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
May 15	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
May 22	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
May 29	Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke

11:00 Worship Service

Date	Infant Room # 101	Walker/Toddler Room # 108
5/1	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings	Renee & Bethany Stafford
5/8	Robyn Robb & Bethany Stafford	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
5/15	Debbie & Callie Moore	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
5/22	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings	Brook & Ginny Hemphill
5/29	Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings	Renee & Bethany Stafford

Schedules & Announcements

Women's Bible Study

A new Monday night Women's Bible Study will begin on June 6th at 7:00 pm in room 209. This will be an 8 week book study titled "Knowing God By Name: A Personal Encounter" by Mary A. Kassian. This scripturally rich study reveals fascinating insights @ 35 names of God, including Hebrew meanings, historical significance and practical applications for today. Group sessions will begin on June 6th from 7 pm to 8 pm and conclude with a potluck fellowship on August 15th. Please contact Megan Kenner @ 771-3573 with questions or to reserve a workbook.

Christian Friends

Christian Friends Women's Group will meet in the fellowship hall on Thursday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m. After meeting, we will be going to "Willie's" for lunch. All women are invited.

GOOD AGE GROUP

On Thursday, May 19th the Good Age Group will meet at Ruby Tuesday's on Chapman Highway in front of Wal-Mart at 11:30 a.m. for lunch. For more information, please contact Willette Elford at 577-7142 or Marilyn Bocik at 577-0270.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Summer is right around the corner and that means sporting activities, vacations, out of town visitors, etc. We are blessed to have a handful of very reliable helpers but I know that they too must miss a few Sundays every once in awhile. If you feel the pull to help with the Infant Nursery, Toddler Nursery, Children's Church or Sunday School, please let me know. (Erin Webb, 573-9711 ext 23) We would love to add you to our "team" of helpers. I ask for a commitment for one Sunday per month in your choice of locations and even your choice of Sunday. Please don't let the idea of being in charge of little ones intimidate you. I have lots of books with ideas and you can choose your personal area of expertise to teach through. I promise, YOU will be blessed more than you can imagine :)

AND.....

Looking Ahead.....

There will not be Children's Church for the 8:45 am service during the months of June and July. It will be available for the 11:00 am service only. M&Ms will also not meet during the months of June and July.

Ushers

8:45 am

Rick Gillespie & Gina Noles
Joyce Terranova

11:00 am

Bobby Davenport (Head)
Randy & Judith Finchum



Birthday Celebrations!

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



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!

- 1 – Eric Morrison
- 2 – Willette Elford
- 4 – Megan Kenner, Kayla Lindsey, Xander Shields, Patti Davis
- 5 – Todd Stafford, Gerald Tompson, Donna Loveday
- 6 – Chelsea Guinn, Virginia Hayes
- 7 – Kevin Casler, Ben Whisler, Sue McCartney, Ali Morrison
- 8 – Katie Hurton, Lydia Ogle, Jeffrey Trentham, Karen Stutzman
- 9 – Stacey Allen, Matt Hart
- 10 – Dee Dee Demmitt, Bobby Norwood
- 11 – Larry Dunbar, Krystle Parrott
- 13 – Will Hubbs
- 14 – Joyce Canfield
- 16 – Lisa Huffaker
- 17 – Jessica Carr
- 18 – Ashley Lockridge
- 19 – Bob Bilbo, Judy Busick, Lisa Newport
- 20 – Nathan Casler, Mildred Kelly, Gurney Roberson
- 23 – Kip Kirby
- 26 – Bernie Lockhart
- 29 – Callie Moore



Methodist Membership?

Have you been attending Seymour U.M.C. for a while? Maybe for a short amount of time? Are you interested in becoming a member of the church? Do you have questions about membership? Do you want to learn more about Seymour U.M.C. and its ministries? Do you want to learn more about the United Methodist Church? If any of these questions resonate with you, then please join Pastor Brad for the month of May in the Sunday Morning Breakfast Room (Fellowship Hall) for some doughnuts, coffee, and informal conversations. We will meet together for 4 Sundays (May 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th) during the Sunday School time (10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.). We will spend some time getting to know one another and having some good conversations. We will also talk about what it means to be a member of the church, and how as a congregation we are moving towards our vision statement by involving as many persons as possible in one of our four core value areas. If you know anyone else who might like this opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the church, please invite them. This class does not automatically commit you to church membership; choosing to become a member is your decision. But I hope this time of conversation will help you in making a decision. I look forward to seeing you there.

Pastor Brad

A Ministry of the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church



Camp Wesley Woods

329 Wesley Woods Road, Townsend, Tennessee 37882-8006
Phone: (865) 448-2246 or 448-6556
Fax: (865) 448-3904



Eighth Annual Golf Tournament

**Monday
May 2, 2011**

Green Meadow
Country Club
Alcoa, TN

Experience The Story
www.campwesleywoods.com

**Registration starts
at 11:30 am
Tee Off is 12:30 pm**

Prizes for:

- ~ Each player on the winner team
- ~ Closest to the pin on selected par 3 holes
- ~ Longest drive on selected hole
- ~ Church Trophy and Scholarship for winner Church Team

Contact Hal or Elizabeth Hubbs at 579-5230 or at hikeremh@bellsouth.net for more information or to play on the church team. The cost per 4 man team is \$400.

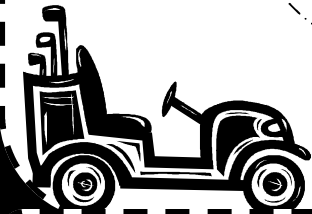
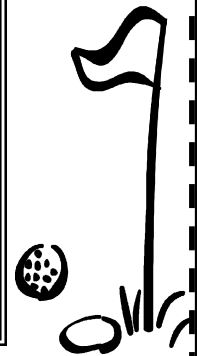
Other Ways to support the Golf Tournament

- Corporate Sponsor — Gift of \$1,000
- Hole Sponsor — Gift of \$200
- Angel Sponsor — Any Financial Gift
- In Kind Donor — Any gift for Goodie Bags, Door Prizes, Winner Prizes or the Tournament

Course Maximum
of 25 teams!

Green Meadow
Country Club
1700 Louisville Road
Alcoa, TN 37701
(865) 982-8783

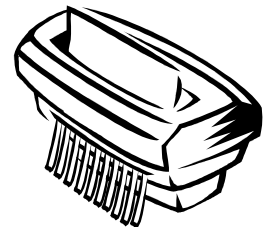
Direction to Green Meadow Country Club
From Alcoa Highway
(coming from Knoxville)
Just pass McGhee Tyson Airport
Take the exit toward W Hunt Rd/TN-335
Take a left onto Louisville Rd
Go .3 Miles
Turn Left into Green Meadow Country Club



Camp Wesley Woods is accredited by the American Camp Association.
Please email any questions or comments to camp@campwesleywoods.com.

Paper Shredding

TVA Credit Union in South Knoxville next to the former Wal-Mart lot, will be doing free paper shredding on Friday, May 6th. You can get more details and rules on their website.



May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Praise Worship 3:00 PM Missions Outreach Team Meeting 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:00 PM District Youth Event 6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study	2 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting	3 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting	4 9:00 AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:45 PM Righteous Ringers 4:45 PM KOK (Children's Choir) 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time 6:15 PM Kingdom Ringers 6:30 PM M & Ms 6:30 PM Congregational Meeting 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	5 10:00 AM Christian Friends	6 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO)	7 5:00—6:30 PM Kids of the Kingdom & End of Year Pizza Party
8 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Praise Worship 2:30 PM Monthly Order of the Arrow Scout Meeting 4:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study	9 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	10 6:30PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11 9:00 AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Staff Study 3:45 PM Righteous Ringers 4:45 PM KOK (Children's Choir) 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time 6:15 PM Kingdom Ringers 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Minsitries 6:30 PM M & Ms 6:30 PM Small Groups 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	12	13 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 PM High School Laser Quest Lock In	14
15 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Cook-out Fundraiser 11:00 AM Praise Worship 2:00 PM Monthly Pack Meeting 3:00 PM Trustees 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	16 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers	17 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal	18 9:00 AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 3:45 PM Righteous Ringers 4:45 PM KOK (Children's Choir) 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time 6:15 PM Kingdom Ringers 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Minsitries 6:30 PM M & Ms 6:30 PM Small Groups 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal	19	20 9:00AM Parent's Day Out (PDO) 8:30 PM Holy Grounds	21 9:00 AM Grounds Keepers 3:00 PM "Drop In" Wedding Shower honoring Justin Finchum & Hannah Adkins

Calendar

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SUMMARY OF 2011 THUS FAR

As Pastor Brad has frequently reminded us, sharing our various gifts is a spiritual obligation and definitely a part of worship. Blessings result as we accept our Christian responsibilities and give back to God what IS God's anyway. May all of us continue to receive such blessings.

Where've We Been in Early 2011? The first few weeks of 2011 closely mirrored 2010's deficit situation. Towards the end of March, a blessed change happened and we gave our way back into a slightly positive situation.

Where Do We Presently Stand? Through Palm Sunday, 4/17/10, actual receipts are \$2,400 behind in actual total receipts at this same time last year. We are \$444 ahead of those 2011 budgeted requirements at this point in time.

What's Next? While we certainly pray that this positive trend will continue in the future, we cannot "rest on our laurels." With additional financial resources, we could accomplish a great deal more in our many core value ministry areas.

In Closing: As we continue our walk with the Lord, we need to continue to spiritually mature and do some serious praying and soul-searching. We must each make a covenant with God to take an additional step forward in our "faith walk," toward tithing, with a Biblical target of 10% (or more) of all of our income.

Only by sharing our blessings, and giving with and from our hearts, can we fully pursue God's Will. This would better provide for, and help with, all of God's work through SUMC – internally, locally, and worldwide.

Remember, Jesus talked more about people's possessions than any other subject, except the Kingdom of Heaven – over 2,000 verses. Why is that? Do you believe what He says about this subject? There is INDEED a very strong connection between "faith sharing" and "how we look upon and share God's blessings" – ALL those that He puts under our guidance and care.

Respectfully submitted with prayers for all!
Dave Manners, Finance/Stewardship Committee

BARBEQUE AND BLUEGRASS



SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE

Event Hours: Friday, May 20th 5:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

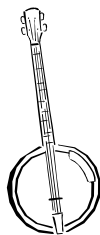
Saturday, May 21st 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

No Admission Fee * Free Concerts



Friday, May 20

Jerry Butler & The Blu-J's 5:00 p.m.
Blue Moon Rising 6:00 p.m.
Jimbo Whaley & Greenbrier 7:00 p.m.
IIIrd Tyme Out 8:00 p.m.



Saturday, May 21

Mountain Ruckus 1:00 p.m.
Larry Sparks & The Lonesome Ramblers 2:00 / 5:00 p.m.
Junior Sisk & Rambler's Choice 3:00 / 6:00 p.m.
Balsam Range 7:00 p.m.
Sam Bush 8:00 p.m.

Take I-40 Exit 407 to historic downtown Sevierville, TN. Free parking is available.

WEDNESDAYS

(Please meet in Room #110)

DATE	SPEAKER	MENU	CHILD CARE LEADERS
May 4	Congregational Meeting Rev. Brad Hyde, staff & leadership team	Taco Nite with all the fixings, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
May 11	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	BBQ, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Garlic Toast, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
May 18	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings
May 25	Small Group Opportunities with Fellowship Hall Gathering	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink	Stephanie Jennings Tiffany Jennings

On **Wednesday, May 4**, we will gather in the sanctuary for worship and a "Congregational Meeting." Come and hear reports of things that are happening with ministries in our church, updates on projects that our Trustees are working on, a check-in with our core value ministry teams, and conversations about changes in the upcoming months. It will be a time of presentations and conversations, and we would love to have you present for this forum. Come for dinner at 5:30 p.m. or join us in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Either way, we hope to see you there. If you plan to eat with us, be sure to fill out the Sunday morning form indicating your intention to be present for the meal, or simply call the church office by Monday afternoon to let us know you will be there for dinner.

MORE NEWS FROM BRAD

Summer schedules are hectic for many folk. As a Church, we tend to see a drop-off both on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. This reality has been discussed and prayed over by ministry teams, the staff team, the Administrative Council, and others. With that said, there are some changes to announce in regards to our summer schedule at Seymour U.M.C. First of all, we will offer a new sermon series this summer entitled "The 7 Deadly Sins.....Plus One!" to entice and encourage Sunday morning attendance throughout the summer. This series will begin on Sunday, June 19, 2011.

As for Wednesday nights, we will gather for worship on Wednesday, June 1 for a special meal and evening worship. We will not gather on Wednesdays for another church-wide meal until the first Wednesday in August. This opening on Wednesday nights, however, offers opportunities for other events. For instance, our Older Adult Ministry Team will be offering a workshop on wills, financial planning, end-of-life issues, and other legal insights as it pertains to securing your family and your estate for the future. Another idea mentioned for a Wednesday night in either June or July is a gathering of men for a cookout and to discuss the idea of an intentional men's ministry group. Of course, there will be youth events happening during these months, Vacation Bible School for the children, the Jesus Rally evangelism event, Mission Trips, etc...

Even though there will not be a church-wide dinner scheduled from June 8 through July 27, the church will still be available for groups to meet, and leaders who would like space for Bible studies may reserve a room throughout this time. Simply call the church office to schedule the space you would like to use, and then fill out a building usage form so that we can avoid any potential conflicts.

We look forward to these changes which may open the door to new ministries, and we hope that you will find a place to get plugged in during these months as we continue to be good stewards of our building and resources.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE NEWS

Gaile Todd, Director of Choirs

A very special thank you to all the children and youth who have been in our choirs this year. They have done a wonderful job. Below is a list of the participants. If you know any of them, please thank them.

Kids of the Kingdom (children's choir – Kindergarten through grade 5): Allie Hemphill, Caylor Hemphill, Abby Kenner, Lilah Grace Kitts, Trina Marvel, Todd Stafford, Caden Webb, Caroline Webb, Conlin Webb, Creed Werker, Caylin Wilson, Jordin Wilson, Destiny Wormsley.

Kingdom Ringers (children's chimes/handbells – 3rd through 5th grade): Abby Kenner, Trina Marvel, Todd Stafford, Caden Webb, Caylin Wilson, Jordin Wilson.

Righteous Ringers (youth handbells - grade 6 through 12): Jordan Centola, Zachary Centola, Sam England, Dawson Kitts, Parker Kitts, Mary McBride, Carah McClurg, Rylie McClurg, Loren Procter, Hannah South, Danni Stahlke, Leslie Weller.

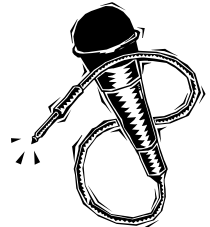
CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Candy Fansler, Contemporary Worship Leader

PRAISE TEAM NEWS

The Praise Team, VISTA, currently has openings for the following:
Vocalists, including soprano, alto and tenors
Drummer
Sound Tech

While we welcome and encourage those with budding musical abilities, being on the praise team requires passion and dedication to your craft. Rehearsals are fast paced and music is learned quickly.



Those interested in participating in the Contemporary Worship Service, please call the church office, e-mail me at candy@seymourumc.org or call me at 659-7877.

Praise the Lord! I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with his godly people.

Psalm 111:1

*Praise Team-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.*

Cook-out Fundraiser

Please mark your calendar now for May 15th for our annual fundraiser Sunday lunch beginning after the Sunday School hour. The funds raised help with our mission trip to Philadelphia, PA. We will need help with set-up of the fellowship hall, servers and side dishes and desserts. We need everyone to sign-up with Wendy Weller so that she knows what items are being brought for the cook-out. Thank you in advance.

3rd Annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show

Many of you were asking how the car show went on the last Saturday of April. It was a huge success. We had 61 vehicles register ranging from cars, trucks and tractors. The weather was beautiful, the live music was fun, the door prizes were plentiful, the car crushing was smashing, the children's activities were a big hit, the food was delicious and the hospitality shown by the church volunteers were spectacular. The youth was able to raise \$2,256.00 towards their mission trip. A big "thank you" to Bobby Jennings for pulling all the pieces together to produce a great show. Mark your calendars now for next year for our 4th Annual Car, Truck and Tractor Show.

Rummage Sale

The youth will collect items for the Rummage Sale that is set for June 4th. These items will be stored in the youth room till the week before the sale when we move them into different rooms by categories. Your assistance will be helpful in leaving items in the youth room alone and then during the week before the sale and the day of the sale. This a huge opportunity for our youth group to raise funds for mission trip and other youth events. Make plans now to help with this event.

Senior Sunday

We will be recognizing our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 22nd. All seniors should have received a letter from me requesting photos for a slide show. If you would like to have your photos in the slide show then Elmer or I need your pictures by Wednesday, May 18th. We will have a gift for each senior and we, your church family, would like to say congratulations on achieving this milestone. Also, your card and letter packets will be available for pick-up on Sunday, May 22nd.

High School Laser Quest

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:

May 13 - 14, 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.

May Sunday Night Schedule

May 1 – Normal Schedule
May 8 – Confirmation Only
(Mother's Day)
May 15 -- Missions Event
May 22 – Normal Schedule
May 29 – Normal Schedule



Youth Council Meeting

The Youth Council will meet on Sunday, May 22nd at 3:30pm. We will discuss Confirmation Sunday, Rummage Sale Fundraiser, 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:

Evonne Stephens Chrismon

In Memory of:

Ada Barbee

Given By:

Dave & Arlene Manners

In Memory of:

James C. Hanshaw
(Brother of Wayne Hanshaw)

Given By:

Max & Debbie Ogle

HONORARIAMS

In Honor of:

Raquel & Elmer Baumgardner

Given By:

Dave & Arlene Manners

THANK YOU

Katherine Wilson called to say a BIG thank you for her basket Ms. Susan's Wednesday night "Girls Only" class sent her. She was really excited when she called the church. She loved the sugar-free chocolate and every item in the basket. She enjoyed the entire afternoon going through all the goodies. She said that it was just WONDERFUL!



At the recent Spaghetti Supper fundraiser, C.R.O.S.S. grossed \$3,219.53 on ticket sales and donations, plus \$469 on the bake sale. After expenses of \$481.53, we raised \$3,207 for CROSS. The bake sale proceeds of \$469 covered all but \$12.53 of the supper expenses. That's just downright awesome!!! We sold 387 tickets of which 339 (+15 children) were put in the basket for a meal. 235 tickets were sold at supporting churches and 151 tickets were sold at the door the night of the event (47 tickets were purchased but not turned in for a meal).

It sure is awesome to see how God works through these CROSS fundraisers. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that HE continually blesses CROSS and all our efforts to glorify HIM!!

Blessings to all of you and your church family,
Dottie Sollman

Mothers Remembered

For anyone wishing to honor or memorialize their Mom – one of life’s greatest treasures - special “above & beyond” gifts are being accepted from now through Mother’s Day, May 8, 2011.

For whatever donation amount you feel is appropriate, you can have your name and that of your Mother listed as either an honorarium or memorial. This list (minus amount of donation) will be published on Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 8th; so only those donations received on or before Tuesday, May 3rd will be in time to be shown on the published list for Mother’s Day.

To participate, please fill in the brief information on one of the special gift envelopes (distributed throughout, or at back of sanctuary) for this purpose. Place this sealed envelope, which must contain your cash donation or check, in the offering plates or baskets, or send to, or hand into, the church office. Any checks must be made payable to “Seymour UMC” and the memo line marked for “**Remember Mom,**” for proper accreditation.

All such gifts will go toward helping support the ministries within our four “Core Value” areas.

At any time, extra offerings to God, “above & beyond” your normal tithing, for any of our worthy causes, are most helpful in meeting God’s plan for you, our church and its future.

REMEMBER Submit these special Mother’s honorariums and/or memorials on or before **May 3rd** to be in time to be published in the Mother’s Day listing.

For “equal time” and consideration to, and for, Fathers, plans are underway to run a similar campaign to honor or memorialize our Dads, for Father’s Day next month. More details on this later.

Submitted with blessings asked for you and yours, by Dave Manners, Stewardship.

House Cleaning Ministry

If you know any women currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning – once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It’s our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. www.cleaningforareason.org



**NEWS
FLASH!**

SUMMER NEWSLETTER: We will be combining the June and July Newsletter in to ONE SUMMER NEWSLETTER. So, if you have any articles that pertain to either the JUNE or JULY time frames, be sure you have them to Sherri by Monday, May 16 for this combined Newsletter. Thank you very much!





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CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

Heidi would like to have someone join her in the plant ministry (caring for the plants inside the church). She wants someone to know the routine and fill in if she is not available. If you can help, please contact the church office with your contact information. Thank you!

Missions Outreach team meeting
May 1st at 3:00 pm

Don't forget! We need photos of mothers and daughters for a special video presentation on Mother's Day. You can e-mail directly to Elmer at elmer@seymourumc.org, bring a CD or original photo to the church office no later than May 4th. Be sure to put your name on the photo so we can return it to you.

Remember the fifth Sunday offering for Holston Home for Children this month!

