

St. Francisville United Methodist Church

E-News

January 14, 2010

Upcoming Events

- ∴ Church Council Retreat
- ∴ Ladies Bible Study
- ∴ Church Night Together
- ∴ PAX
- ∴ Live Big
- ∴ Serving from the Heart
- ∴ Adult Studies

Calendar at a Glance

Saturday, January 16

8:00 am Church Council Retreat

Sunday, January 17

Special Collection for Haiti Disaster Fund

8:15 am Worship Service (N)

9:15 am Fellowship (FH)

9:45 am Worship Service (N)

9:45 am Sunday School

10:45 am Fellowship (FH)

11:15 am Worship Service (N)

11:15 am Sunday School (RH)

6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee (M)

Monday, January 18

5:30 pm Christian Education Committee (M)

Tuesday, January 19

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (M)

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study (M)

6:30 pm Folk Choir Practice (S)

6:30 pm Youth Council (CO)

7:30 pm A.A. (FH)

Wednesday, January 20

5:30 pm Church Night Together (FH)

6:00 pm PAX Youth (FH & Y)

6:00 pm Live BIG (CW)

6:00 pm Serving from the Heart (M)

6:00 pm Adult Studies

Church Council Retreat

Vision Planning Session

Saturday, January 16, 2010

9188 Airport Road

Begins at 8:00 am and will conclude with lunch.

Ladies Bible Study - Tuesday mornings 9:00 - 11:30 AM and Tuesday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 PM. **Title: Breaking Free.**

There will be a **Special Collection** this Sunday (January 17th) for the **Haiti Disaster Fund**. See page 3 of this e-news for information on the Haiti disaster from the LA VIM Director and the list of items for Health Kits. Completed kits may be brought to Church on Sunday or to the bay windows in the Fellowship Hall during the week. Health Kits will be assembled during CNT this Wednesday (January 20th at 5:30 p.m.).



Church Night Together

5:30-6:00 pm (January 20)

Dinner for Everyone (Meal this Wednesday will be prepared and served by **Faye Ritchie and Jodie Sturgeon**. The meals will be delivered to those in need of a warm meal by **John and Trudy Piper**.)

6:00-7:00 pm Children's Live B.I.G.

6:00-7:30pm Nursery available
PAX - Senior High and Middle School Youth & Adults will be assembling Health Kits for Haiti
Serving from the Heart (Gifts and Talents for Service)

12 Months of Giving

The Missions Work Area, in conjunction with the Program Ministry Team, is encouraging our congregation to live out our faith through 12 months of Giving. A focus will be chosen for each month in 2010 allowing us to serve God through our assistance to those in need.



January



The month of January you are encouraged to bring black or brown belts to be given to children or youth in the West Feliciana School system. We will collect the belts throughout the month. You may place any belt you provide in the container below the designated bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. At the end of the month the belts we have collected will be distributed to the schools.



Confirmation is about to begin! If you are an 8th grader who has not had the opportunity to take confirmation or a 7th grader who plans to be a part of this spiritual journey, you are invited to join us for Confirmation 2010. On

Thursday, February 4th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will have Confirmation Kick-off. All interested youth and their parent(s) are invited and encouraged to be a part of this evening of food and information. If you are interested in being a part of Confirmation 2010, please contact the church office and **return the forms by Sunday, January 17, 2010.**

The weekly Confirmation times will be on Sunday afternoons from 4-6 pm beginning February 7th. If you have questions, please contact Rev. Tammy or Rev. Danny.

C.H.A.S.E. Ministries Seeks Assistant Director for the After School Program

Experience working with children is preferred. The position is available immediately. Employment applications can be obtained at the C.H.A.S.E. office, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For additional information, contact Ann Andries or Karen Clark at 784-0024.

**January 17, 2010
Second Sunday After Epiphany**

Scripture Lesson: John 2:1-11
"The Miracle of Love"

Memory Verse: "Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him." John 2:11

8:15 Acolytes
Claudia Posey
Emily Spillman

11:15 Acolytes
Sawyer Aucoin
Davis Thomas

8:15 Nursery
Becky Posey

11:15 Nursery
Beth Gleason

9:15 Snacks
Martha Robertson
Sandra Gillen

10:45 Snacks
Melinda Sykes

Flowers
Brent & Tudy McCann

8:15 Liturgist
Dot Temple
11:15 Liturgist
Hannah Leming

9:45 Liturgist
Beryl Gene Daniel

*Come Warm your Heart and
Ignite your Faith*

JANUARY 31, 2010

6:00 p.m.

8271 Hwy. 61

Fireside devotion delivered by:

Rev. Chris Andrews, Senior Pastor
First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

Complimentary dinner of hot dogs, chips, drinks, s'mores and other desserts

- ◆ Welcoming Conversation
- ◆ Spirit-filled Message
- ◆ Inspirational Music

Who will you be bringing to this Church event?

Lead me Lord

Baton Rouge District Leadership Training 2010

JOIN US ..."Lead me Lord" is a half day district-wide training event designed to equip congregational leaders with tools to be effective in the area they have been called to serve. For registration, email becky@firstmethodist.org. Please include which session you are interested in attending. There is no registration fee.

January 23, 2010

First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge

Schedule

- 8:30 am Coffee and Fellowship
- 9:00 am Leaders Who Make A Difference: Church Council—Larry O'Dell
- 9:45 am Break
- 10:00 am Workshop (Choose one from below)
- 10:45 am Break
- 11:00 am Fighting Fair: Conflict Resolution—Craig Gilliam

Workshops

- Connecting the Congregation and the Staff (*Ralph Ford*)
- So I'm a Lay Leader...what now? (*Grant Schroeck and Betty Blackman*)
- Strengthening Your Adult Sunday School Class (*Lee McKinzie*)
- Strengthening Your Children's Sunday School Class (*Becky Poor*)
- Strengthening Your Youth Sunday School Class (*Myranda Eisworth*)
- Shut the Back Door: Keeping New Members (*Presenter TBA*)
- Care for the Leader (*Liz Wyatt*)

Friends:
Our hearts are heavy and our prayers are many as we grieve with our friends, families, coworkers and relational ties in Haiti. Our Jurisdiction and LAVIM will respond in many ways.

1. We will **take an offering this Sunday** for the **Haiti Disaster Advance #418325**, memo line: Haiti. UMCOR will help us reach out to and through our Methodist connections in Haiti.

It is possible to give on line by going to: <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/>

2. Please know that already a time line of March 13 has been set by the Haitian government before volunteer teams may come to Haiti. Until that time only international (US military forces, the UN, etc.) will be allowed on Haitian soil. There is certainly much to be done and lives to be saved but the Haitian government along with international resources such as these must form a temporary infrastructure to understand the disaster and formulate a plan for help.

3. We are advised that the team in Haiti traveling under the ministry of FUMC Shreveport is fine. Their project is situated away from the epicenter and Port au Prince. The church family has heard from them and there are no injuries. There will be some delay and difficulty in their return to the US.

As with all disasters we are asked to be patient so that we may move when our help will be truly constructive. There will be announcements as soon as a Jurisdictional plan is formulated according to the latest information as to collections of supplies for Haiti and invitations for your to join long term responses through our LAVIM teams. As for now, please prayerfully respond through your offerings to the Disaster Response Advance Number.

Rev. Larry D. Norman
Director, LAVIM

To Sustain Everyday Life: UMCOR Kits Are Another Way to Give

UMCOR Sager Brown Material Resources Specifications

Kits to Sustain Everyday Life

The following kit is used in places where people do not have ready access to many essential supplies for everyday life. Please follow the directions exactly. Include all items; do not add items that are not on the lists. Extra gifts, though given with the best of intentions, render a kit unusable and must be removed. Note: All items sent must be new!

Health Kit

(Updated: 07/11/2005)

Health kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflict or natural disaster. Health kits are also used as learning tools in personal hygiene, literacy, nutrition and cooking classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27")
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- 1 large tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger, expiration date must be 6 months or longer in advance of the date of shipment to UMCOR Sager Brown)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

Value: \$12 per kit.

In a separate envelope, please send a check for at least \$1 for each kit to help UMCOR Sager Brown with the costs of processing and shipping kits around the world.

Important: Please do not include any religious, political or patriotic notes or emblems in any kit.

Thank you for your donations. You are helping to make a difference in people's lives.