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MARKET PLACE

Ash Wednesday / February 17, 2010

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Jerusalem Marketplace is an exciting way for children and adults to learn how Jesus lived. Come and witness the drama of Bible times.

This is a family experience!

Experience

- Bead Making
- Pottery Making
- Jewelry Making
- Live Drama
- And much much more.....



First United Methodist Church Fairfield

“Serving God with Love”

January 21, 2010

The Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, is a world-wide agency that sends humanitarian relief. It has a long-standing relationship with the island nation of Haiti, in fact seven teams were already there working on other missions and Wednesday night they were preparing even more teams to take on new ones.

"I'm ready to go and help," said Kathie Mann, the Director of Partners and Mission Program at the Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. It may be several weeks before early responders like Mann will be allowed in to the disaster zone.

In the meantime, she's busy preparing so that she is ready when that call comes. "The teams have to go completely self-contained, we go in after the first responders so there still will not be water and electricity and places for us to stay," Mann said. Eventually groups of 6 to 10 trained team members that will rotate in shifts to the hardest hit areas for 3 to 4 days at a time.

The churches in the United Methodist Conference have started collecting donations and medical kits - items the response teams will take with them when they do go. Included in this newsletter is a call for Health Kits to be used in Haiti.

For more information about the Haiti Response and/or how to become a member of a team going into Haiti please go to the Conference web site at www.txcumc.org

Worship with Us

Sunday

9 a.m. New Creation Service

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00p.m. - 7:00 p.m. UMYF
YOUTH

Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Sam's Bible Study

6:00 p.m. A.W.E. Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. UMYF Youth

6:45 p.m. - Chancel Choir

The Staff of First UMC Fairfield

Pastor

Rev. T. Paul Kethley

Director of Music

Dianne Murden

Organist

Cynthia Outlaw

Pianist

Marilyn Toothman

Secretary

Tonya Roberts

Director of Weekday Ministries

Cynthia Outlaw



**Memorials
&
Honorariums**

**Gifts to Capital
Building Fund**

*In memory of Monte Cole
by Don & Charlene Ezell*

*In memory of Ruby Day
by Homer & Billie Bond, Dudley & Rebecca Brewer,
Burt & Janie Richards*

*In memory of Winfred Alan Dove
by Ken & Sue Northcutt (Mr. Dove's parents)*

*In memory of Don Tolar
by Dudley & Rebecca Brewer*

Youth Fund

*In memory Winfred Alan Dove
by Russell & Karla Keaton*

*In memory of Steven's Heer's mother
by Russell & Karla Keaton*

*In memory of Gene Hutchinson (Billie Sell's father)
by Russell & Karla Keaton*

February Birthday's

- 1 Mary Kitchens
- 3 Jamie Filis, Traci Wetzel
- 4 Loy Newberry & Denise Wells
- 7 Sally Taylor, Casey Townsend & Alex Williams
- 8 Sue Benedict, Betty Gentry & Susan Jones
- 10 Eleanor Clark & Jeff Nesbitt
- 13 Matt Bonner
- 14 Robert Chesnut
- 15 Billie Bond & Sissy Ivy
- 16 Nick Henley & Selah Mason
- 17 Johnny Carroll
- 18 Jennifer Doyle & Jim Scott
- 21 Harper Burrell, Natalie Gentry & Lela Kirsch
- 22 Rashonda Bonner
- 23 Demar Hill
- 25 Mykle Wright
- 26 Jason Bonner, Mike Chappell & Terry Dunlap
- 27 Jami Lowry
- 30 Chris Perona



**For the month of
January**

Ushers:

Steve Anderson, Craig Dunlap,
Rick Medford, Burt Richards

Counters:

- January 3 Linda Grant
- January 10 John Thorne
- January 17 Jenny Calame
- January 24 Burt Richards
- January 31 Susan James

Flowers:

- January 31 Grace Wathen

February Anniversaries

- 2 W.A. & Syd Davis Jr.
- 8 Mark & Kelly Teer
- 10 Larry & Carolyn Williams
- 11 Clyde & Peggy McKelvey
- 18 Bob & Frances Henley
- 19 Joseph & Alicia Berger
- 27 Scott & Carolyn Newberry



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STRENGTH AND ENCOURAGEMENT

- ◆ Bob Adams
- ◆ Patsy Ahlfinger
- ◆ Sonny Andrews (Patsy Ahlfinger's Son)
- ◆ Bob Brandt
- ◆ Stanton Brown
- ◆ Ginger Choucair
- ◆ Family of Monte Cole
- ◆ Juliette Coleman
- ◆ Lucy Corne
- ◆ Morris DeFriend
- ◆ Amy Ernest
- ◆ Jamie Filis
- ◆ James Hardison
- ◆ Betsy Keller (homebound)
- ◆ Don Knapp
- ◆ Tammy Lide
- ◆ Twila Lyles
- ◆ Reba Long (homebound)
- ◆ Tresa Loyd
- ◆ Mary Marberry
- ◆ Don McLeod
- ◆ Mike Mooneyham
- ◆ Floy Morgan
- ◆ Cindy Neal
- ◆ Jackie Parker
- ◆ Marty Patterson
- ◆ Don Patton
- ◆ Mary Kay Stator
- ◆ Eddie Tarrant
- ◆ William Van Houten (Patsy Ahlfinger's brother)
- ◆ Tonja Vaughan
- ◆ Grace Wathen
- ◆ Patricia Wattis
- ◆ Natasha Webster
- ◆ Doug Wells

**PERSONS IN LOCAL NURSING
HOME FACILITIES**

- ◆ Larry Bonner
- ◆ Lee Clark
- ◆ Dorothy Cryer (Mary Awalt's mother)
- ◆ Mattie Medford
- ◆ Virginia Vodicka

**THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING
IN OUR ARMED FORCES**

- ◆ Brandon Ball - Marines
- ◆ Colby Barker - Air Force
- ◆ Chris Baehr - Afghanistan
- ◆ Kelly Bean - Iraq
- ◆ Maria Berger - Army
- ◆ Damon Box - Iraq
- ◆ Ian Burns - Afghanistan
- ◆ Jordan Burton
- ◆ Justin Coleman
- ◆ Chad Day - Marines
- ◆ Michael Faulkner
- ◆ Chris Marr - Army
- ◆ Ryan Mathison - Afghanistan
- ◆ Angela Murphy
- ◆ Terry Oliver
- ◆ Cody Posey - Afghanistan
- ◆ Trent Satterwhite - Air Force
- ◆ Shane Whicher - Iraq

Who's in the Hospital?

Please contact the church office to let us know if you or someone you know is in the hospital or otherwise in need of a visit.

We are always ready to pray for one another and to visit as needed. Please allow the church to serve you and your family.

Church Office 903-389-2225
Pastor Paul 903-388-8336



Haiti Earthquake Relief

Call for Health Kits

The United Methodist Committee on Relief has issued a call for Health Kits, which 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 and nutrition classes. When people gain the knowledge and materials to maintain personal hygiene, their overall health improves.

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 must be new.

Place the following items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag:

- 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

Value: the estimated cost of all included items is \$12 per kit.

In a separate envelope. Please send 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.

Please have all Completed Kits returned to FUMC Fairfield by January 31.

Rev. Kethley and FUMC Members:

Winfred Alan Dove loved life, fought a hard battle with cancer, and kept the faith. On behalf of our extended family, thank you for the opportunity to honor Winfred with a memorial in the beautiful sanctuary of our church. It was a memorable service and special thanks go to Rev. Paul, Cynthia, Marilyn, and Tonya. To the Methodist women, many of whom work for Fairfield ISD, thank you for the gracious hosting and delicious meal served prior to the service. You were all truly a blessing in our time of grief. We are really blessed to be a part of such a supportive community of Christians!

We appreciate the memorials, flowers, cards, prayers and support. God bless you!

Respectfully,

Sheila, Brady, Brett, Carolyn and Clark Dove

U.S. Department of Commerce

To whom it may concern:

Operations have begun for the 2010 Census in your community and throughout the United States. The Constitution mandates that a census of the nation's population and housing be taken every 10 years. The purpose of this letter is to request your help in filling positions in your neighborhood for qualified census takers. **All help that you could offer in spreading the word that the Census Bureau is hiring in your community would be greatly appreciated.** Some possible ideas include placing our recruiting information in visible places, making announcements in church services and newsletters, and staying in contact with the local Recruiting Assistant whose name and number are at the bottom of this letter. **Anyone interested in applying should first call (903) 229 - 6144 (8am - 5pm) or the toll free number that is on the information in this packet.** They will then be scheduled to take a basic skills test at the nearest testing site. There is more information and a practice test online as well.

Our goal is to count every individual that lives in our country. To accomplish this we will need an effective and motivated group of census takers. Thank you for your help in our search for qualified census takers.

Date: 12 January 2010

Recruiting Assistant: Hugh Seiber

Phone Number: 903-388-4197

National Soup Month

January is National Soup Month. The Noah's Ark classes will be having a canned soup drive until the end of the month. If you would like to donate, there will be a box in the hall by the Children's Sunday School Classes.

Thanks for your support!

Noah's Ark Teachers

All soup collected will be taken to River of Life Food Pantry.



**For the Month
of
February
Toilet Tissue**

Sunday Night UMYF Snack Supper

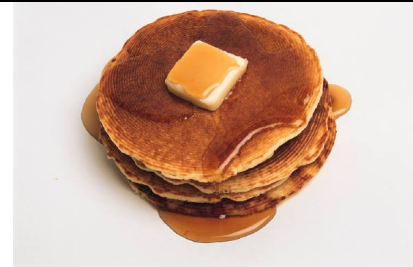
Parents: Please sign up to host a snack supper. Remember that if you host a dinner, you must stay for the entire night to help chaperone the events of the evening. This helps us adhere to Safe Sanctuary rules.
Thanks!

Sunday - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

The sign up sheet is located on the Youth table in the Narthex

Superbowl Touch Football game!

All are welcome to celebrate America's pastime in our own backyard! The annual touch football game continues on Feb 7th from 3-5:30pm. All ages welcome to see who will go home the big winner! Snacks and refreshments will be provided.



**FAT TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**
February 16, 2010
6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us.
Featuring the High School
Jazz Band.



Valentine's Appreciation
Meeting

The United Methodist Women would like to invite all women to a special "get-together" on Tuesday evening, February 9th at 6:00 pm. We would like to thank you for all you do, acquaint you with our 2010 plans, and include all ladies, young and old.

We will be serving cookies and "finger-food", along with tea, coffee, and soft drinks.

This is an informal time to show you how much we appreciate you!! We will be meeting in the fellowship hall.

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US BECAUSE YOU ARE
OUR
SWEETHEARTS FOR SURE !!!

Kay Coleman,
President, UMW

Communion service will be held at Fairfield Nursing & Rehab the first Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm.

We invite you to come and share this rewarding experience with us.



Diabetes Education
Classes

A program for people with
type 2 diabetes

We are Registering for Classes now!

Class Dates: March 1st, 8th, 15th,
22nd & 29th, 2010
Time: 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Where: Fairfield ETMC Hospital
Conference Room

To find out how you can do well and be well
With diabetes, call your county office of the
Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Freestone County AgriLife Extension
Sara Mote, CEA-FCS
440 East Main St, Suite 10
Fairfield, Texas 75840

Call 903-389-3436
to reserve your spot!