

The Messenger

FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday services will be held at the church on February 25 at 12:00pm and 7:00pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

The Youth Mission Trip team will host a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on Sunday, February 1, following the 10:30 service to raise money for their trip to Lodi, Ohio.

February Memory Verse:

"And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

--1 Corinthians 13:13

United Methodist Women

It was a cold winter day. The sun tried to shine a little, and there were also a few snow flurries. The wind made it feel even colder. Some of the executive committee, with Darla's help, got together to assemble the 2009 Program Book. Linda and Joyce have passed them out to their circle groups. If you failed to get your book, please see one of the officers. In the book, several people are listed as members at large (those who help in so many ways). Please let us know if you would like a copy of the book. We really appreciated your help during the past year. Below are the meetings for the Month of February. Come join us.

GENERAL MEETING

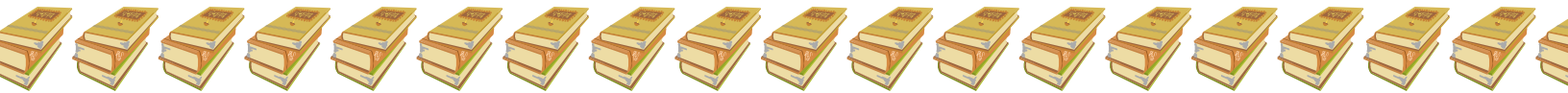
February 4th at 1:30 pm in Fellowship Hall
2008 SOCM Review - Linda Grose & Hyllis Rhoades
Discuss 2009 program and events
Hostesses: Valee Selby and Virginia Darnell

Martha Circle

Monday, February 16 at 7pm
Hostess: Lois Shuman
Co-hostess: Rosemary Wood
Devotions: Joan Highland
Lesson: Susan Connor

Mary Circle

February 18 at 1:30 pm
Hostess: Ann Wheeler
Lesson/Pledge Service: Hyllis Rhoades



Library Update

A new bookshelf has been added to our library, so I have done some rearranging. This has allowed me to shelve many more of the books that have been donated to us.



The following books have been donated or purchased for our library:
Showers in Season by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock (Book One)
Times and Seasons by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock (Book Two)
Times and Seasons by Beverly LaHaye and Terri Blackstock (Book Three)
Joshua's Family by Joseph F. Girzone (Prequel to Joshua)
Ordinary Man, Extraordinary Mission (The Life and Work of E. Stanley Jones) by Stephen A. Graham
Cast of Characters by Max Lucado (Large Print)

As always, I encourage you to visit our library and take advantage of the extensive selections we have.

Keep on reading!

Lois Shuman



February means Groundhog's Day, Lincoln's birthday, Ash Wednesday, and, believe it or not, the first thoughts of Vacation Bible School! Last year saw a drop in our VBS attendance and we hope to remedy that this year. It's a big project that needs a lot of planning and that's why the Education Committee is asking you to help us out by completing the following short survey.

1. Due to all of the conflicts that occur in June (baseball, softball, College for Kids, Helping Hand, gymnastics, swimming, etc.), we are moving our VBS to the first week in August. Check which of the following would be the best time to meet the needs of the kids, parents, families, volunteers:

_____ Mornings from 9:15 until 11:00

_____ Evenings from 5:30 until 7:30 (would include a light meal)

_____ All day Saturday - compress the week into one full day of VBS

_____ Other (Please explain)

2. We appreciate everyone who has helped in the past and invite them back, but we definitely look forward to getting more people on board. Check which of the following you would be willing to help with:

_____ Decorate Fellowship Hall and any of the needed classrooms

_____ **Serve as a leader in one of the following (circle the ones you'd consider):**

- a. **Teach Bible lesson to all age levels**
- b. **Register kids each morning and make sure they have name tags**
- c. **Make daily treats**
- d. **Conduct games**
- e. **Open and close each session**
- f. **Teach songs and motions using DVD**
- g. **Teach crafts**
- h. **Drive church van to pick up kids**
- i. **Serve as team leader of one age group each day**

3. Please fill out your name and a number where you can be reached:

Name _____

Contact number _____

As you can see, it takes a lot of people - women and men, young and old - and a lot of fellowship to make VBS a success. We would love to have you help us in any capacity.

Please complete this survey and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Darla in the office. If you have any questions, call Ann Wheeler or Darla. If you have any suggestions, we'd love to hear those too.

**Thanks,
The Education Committee**



**We need your support for something exciting coming to
Moultrie County!**

In July of this year, over 400 high schoolers and their leaders from across the USA will journey to Moultrie County to assist home owners who need home painting, wheel chair ramps, deck repair and other home repairs.

These repairs will be done at no cost to the home owner. If you would like to volunteer a few hours help for hospitality team, ladder team, clean up and other duties as needed, please call 217-828-0756 and leave your name, address, phone and email or email info to: fieldsofgrace@live.com or log on to: www.sullivanfieldsofgrace.org Volunteers will NOT be doing work on homes. We will contact you in May or June with duties. We also need you to loan ladders of all sizes, especially extension ladders, during the week of July 12-18. Please let us know that you can help! Volunteer training sessions will be available at the church on February 5, 9-11am and February 7, 8-10am.

Please call the church office at 728-4436 for details.

*“Our help is in the name of the Lord who
made heaven and earth” (Psalm 124:8)*

*May the Lord’s comfort and blessings be with
the family and friends who mourn the death
of Woodrow Spaugh.*





Dustin, Jodi, Taylor, & Mason McDermith welcomed new baby girl, Addison Jennie McDermith, on December 29, 2008.

The Yellow Bucket for February will go to Habitat for Humanity.

The Yellow Bucket offering for December was \$43.38 and went to support RSVP.



The Sightings of Grace group will begin a new study on February 4th on the book Walking With Jesus: Daily Inspiration From the Gospel of John, by Greg Laurie. We welcome all who are interested in experiencing the scriptures and sharing thoughts. We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7.

The deadline for the March Newsletter is Monday, February 16.



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