

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from
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WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to have David, Cindy and Christopher Wester as new members of the Holmes Street family. Christopher received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism and his parents come from other denominations. The Westers live at 105 Cavendish, Madison 35757.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

at www.holmesstreetumc.org

Applications for the Holmes Street UMC Memorial Scholarships are posted on the church website and are due by March 15th. Church website address is: www.holmesstreetumc.org.

All students who have been a member or active participant of Holmes Street for at least 1 year and are planning to be enrolled in college or vocational programs in the Fall will be considered.



SIGN UP

to furnish altar flowers. Check page 2 for available dates and call the church office to sign up.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE....

FIRST STOP BREAKFAST PROJECT....

We at Holmes Street will be serving breakfast at First Stop, Jan. 27., If you plan to help in any way, please notice that **the time has changed. We will meet at the church about 8:30, and will leave sharply at 8:45 to go to First Stop.** We will serve at 9:00. If you want to participate, please let me (256 534-6016) know what you are furnishing. Thanks to all who are able to serve in this way. *Helen Underwood*

Save those Box Tops!

The SOS (Save our Schools) project is under way to collect box tops from the community. You probably know that the elementary and middle schools receive money for each box top they turn in. Many schools have active PTAs that coordinate the box top collection, but some schools aren't so fortunate. The entire Huntsville City School system is struggling financially right now! This impacts the learning of our students. Bring the box tops and leave them in the church office or the narthex.

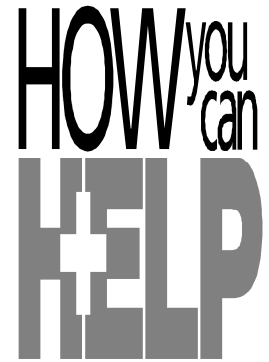


Sunday, February 5

is the annual NFL Super Bowl Game. In conjunction with this huge event in our country, churches all over the U.S. participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring." Churches receive donations of canned goods and money to support local hunger projects. In our case, here at Holmes Street Church, all the donations of food and money go directly into our own Food Pantry! So, on Sunday, February 5th bring canned goods (canned meats, stews, and soups in particular) or make a monetary donation to the Food Pantry. Churches then record the amount of food and money that is collected across the country and the total is always amazing. Join us as we fight hunger together.

FIRST STOP FUND RAISER.....

St. Thomas Episcopal Church is selling Boston Butts to benefit First Stop. Holmes Street has agreed to provide the desserts to go with the meat. If you can help please bring your dessert (cakes, brownies or cookies) to Holmes Street between noon until 2 PM on Feb. 3rd and let Helen Underwood know that you are planning to help. 256 534-6016.



Mission Project: Pillowcases for Kids

We are in need of solid colored cotton fabric to make pillowcases for children in pediatric hospitals. If you have any to donate, please bring it to the church office. Fabric with designs is helpful, too, but we especially need solid colors. If you would like to help with this mission project, we will be hosting a day in the near future to sew the pillowcases. See future articles in the newsletters for details.

HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - January 25

Mobile Medical Van Trip
1:00 PM - Christian Believer Bible Study
5:15 PM - Supper served
6:00 PM - Chancel Choir
6:00 PM - Young Women's Grief Group
6:00 PM - Youth
6:15 PM - Bible Study

THURSDAY - January 26

9:00 AM - Staff meeting

FRIDAY - January 27

8:30 AM - First Stop Breakfast (new time)

SUNDAY - January 29

9:00 AM - Next Step Service
9:40 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
4:00 PM - Confirmation Class Parents
5:00 PM - Snack Supper
5:00 PM - UMYF, Planet 56
8:00 PM - Young Adults

MONDAY - January 30

6:00 PM - Praise Band rehearsal

TUESDAY - January 31

9:30 AM - Bible Study
6:00 PM - Handbell Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY - February 1

1:00 PM - Christian Believer Bible Study
5:15 PM - Supper served
6:00 PM - Chancel Choir
6:00 PM - UMYF
6:00 PM - Young Women's Grief Group

THURSDAY - February 2

9:00 AM - Staff Meeting
10:30 AM - HopeKeepers
6:00 PM - Worship Liturgist/Communion
servers meeting

THE SUNDAY REPORT January 22, 2012

ATTENDANCE:

9:00 AM Next Step	104
10:55 AM Morning Worship	164
Total	268

VISITORS:

Brad & Nicole Schroer family Huntsville

IN THE HOSPITAL: none known

OFFERINGS:

On the Budget	\$5,286.00
Building Fund	3,825.00
Total needed monthly on budget	\$34,300.00
Total to budget this month	\$24,533.46

BUILDING FUND REPORT:

Total contributed as of 1-23-12: \$862,458.00

MEMORIALS:

In memory of Paul Hess:

Jim & Helen Underwood Building Fund

ALTAR FLOWERS

The 2012 flower calendar is available in the church office. Call now to make your reservations for next year. \$45.00 per Sunday payable in the month they are given or anytime before. The following dates are open:

January 29
February 19, 26
March 4, 11, 28
April 1, 22, 29
May 20
June 17
July 1, 8, 22
August 5, 19
September 9, 30
October 21
November 18
December 2, 30

NOTARY SERVICE

is available in the church office at no charge to church members.

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Worship Servers

Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012

6:00 p.m.

in the Sanctuary

For all interested in serving as lay
liturgists or communion servers, etc.

www.holmesstreetumc.org

check it out....

Stewart Jackson to Preach

Dr. Stewart Jackson will be with us on Sunday, Feb. 12 for a sermon based on "Jesus and Mental Health". Dr. Jackson is a United Methodist pastor who is now a Pastoral Counselor in private practice in our area. He has been with us in recent years and is a popular speaker and presenter. We will also be sharing other information about mental health counseling resources in our community for a special "Mental Health Awareness Sunday".

NOTES FROM EDDIE:

Children's News: Our ZONE PM kids went on a "field trip" last Sunday to visit two of our older adult members at their apartments and had a wonderful time! Thanks to Shelley, Linda, and Debbie for chaperoning our trip. A big thanks, also, to Jennifer Malone for providing snack supper for everyone. ZONE PM will meet again on Sunday, February 5.
Eddie

YOUTH NEWS

Hey y'all!

I hope everyone's week has gotten off to a great start! Sunday morning we had a good discussion about that "camp high" and how to try to carry it forward, and on Sunday night we took a look at the what we want versus what we need and how we shouldn't worry about it... Don't forget that we've got a Youth Council meeting this coming Sunday at 4pm at the church to start looking at Spring Break and planning our Summer Beach Trip. We'll be on our regular schedule this week, with our normal Wednesday night group from 6-7:30, Sunday School and UMYF as usual next Sunday. Have a great week, and I'll see you soon!

-John

SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP

We will be joining the Monte Sano UMC youth and others again this year for a mission trip to Philadelphia, MS to do work with the Choctaw Indians. Home repair and other services will be our projects, and youth - adults of all skill levels are welcome. Dates for the trip are Monday-Friday of Spring Break, March 26-30. Application forms are available in the church office or through links on the church website. Sign up soon to ensure your spot on the team!

Meeting of Parents of Confirmands Sunday, Jan. 29 4:00 p.m.

If your child is old enough to participate in the Confirmation class (6th grade through high school) we will be hosting a parents' meeting to give information and hear input about the next upcoming program of classes and activities. Youth are also welcome to attend this session but not required.

Vision Team Meeting Time change: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11

Meeting includes all members of the Church Council as well as participants in the Ron Martoia workshop.

Beth Moore Study Underway

A new Beth Moore study that focuses on the Book of James is underway and led by Tina White. This group is open to all who are interested and meets on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM in Founders Hall.

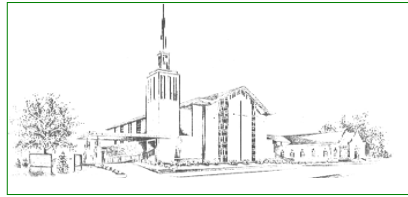
COLLEGE AGE GROUP....

We meet on Sunday evenings from 8-9 pm. in the prayer room of the Education building. Besides weekly fellowship, we're planning a bowling outing and a hiking/camping trip. All college age students are welcome!

**Check out the opportunities
to help on page 1**

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*

The Mosaic of Healing

Immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. After sternly warning him, Jesus sent him away at once, saying to him, 'See that you say nothing to anyone; but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, as a testimony to them.' But he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the word." (Mark 1:42-45)

Lately we have been thinking in worship about the call of the Disciples and now we are moving into the ministry of Jesus with a study on 3 consecutive healing stories found in the first chapter of Mark's gospel. This week's scripture is on the leper who is healed of his disease and goes to "proclaim it freely" and "spread the word". For the next three Sundays, I invite you to invest yourself in this exploration of healing. Perhaps you have questions about healing:

- Why are some, but not all, people healed physically?
- Where does faith affect healing?
- What do we mean when we say that "the ultimate healing is death"?
- What forms of diseases, addictions, and challenges call for healing?
- Do I need healing in my own life? Do I dare pray for it?
- What is the purpose of healing?

Scriptures tell us many stories about the healings of people. Some are physically healed, some are healed in spirit, some are healed by the restoration of relationships. The truth is, every one of us is walking around with broken pieces in need of healing. We are going to have a visual symbol of this for our altar, thanks to Becki Temple, who will be designing a mosaic for us. But here's where you come in – we need your broken pieces of glass, ceramics, wood, and assorted chipped and scarred items that Becki will work into a visual depiction of what God can do with our congregation's broken pieces. Please start collecting your "brokenness" items and bring them to the church office or to worship on Feb. 5 so that we can all see and appreciate the art of mosaic made from our brokenness, on Feb. 12.

See you in church on Sunday!

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Holmes Street Smiles.....



Welcome new members



The Westers....
Cindy, David
and Christopher
who joined on
January 22nd

