

Happenings

a newsletter sent with love from



Holmes Street United Methodist Church
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Women's Prayer and Healing Group

Thursdays,

February 4 to March 11th

All women are invited to participate in this group which meets on Thursdays beginning February 4 from 1-2 p.m. in the Dallas Street House, led by Rev. Kelly Clem. We will be using the book Prayer, Stress and Our Inner Wounds. Purchase of the book is optional but please let the church office know if you need a copy of the book.

SINCERE CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is expressed to Ray & Fran Hamilton on the death of his son, Raymond.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We rejoice to welcome Kayla Hale to the Holmes Street family. She is already a member of the youth group and the Chancel Choir. Her address is 819 Giles Dr., 35801.

CARE AND SHARE TEAM NEWS

NEEDED: Someone to serve as coordinator for the Care & Share Teams.

Also volunteers to serve on a team. This is a wonderful way to share Christ's love through this ministry our church provides.

If you would like to volunteer call Hilna McDonald (852-5206) or Gloria Caneer (379-2030) or the church office.



Sunday February 7th

Bring canned food or a monetary donation to the worship service. All will go to stock our church food pantry and will feed the hungry in our area.

What about Ash Wednesday?

**Ash Wednesday Services, Feb. 17
6:30 AM and 6:00 PM**

1. From ancient times, ashes have been used as a symbol of mourning, penitence, grief and humiliation. In his pain and sorrow, Job 'sat among the ashes' (Job 2:8). The Old Testament book of Numbers and the New Testament book of Hebrews indicate that ashes were also used for purification (see Numbers 19:17 and Hebrews 9:13).
2. Christians have had an old tradition of using ashes made from the palm branches used on the last Palm Sunday. Priests and ministers have often used the ashes to make the sign of the cross on a believer's forehead as part of the Ash Wednesday ceremony.
3. The ashes symbolize the Christian's intent to repent of sins, to accept purification from the Lord, and to make a public witness of one's faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.
4. Since Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, the ashes symbolize one's intention to deepen his or her spiritual life. Lent is a time for spiritual renewal and growth in dedication and service.

FUN, FUN, FUN....

PANCAKE SUPPER

TUESDAY, FEB. 16

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Bring the whole family

Our children will parade, we'll have music, jokes,
great pancakes by Chef Ira Laney,
and more...

Donations only!

Call the Church office for reservations by noon
Monday, Feb. 15

Sponsored by Holmes Street Family Ministries

HAPPENINGS FOR:

WEDNESDAY - February 3

3:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study
5:15 PM - Wednesday Supper
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
6:15 PM - Bible Study/Founder's Hall
6:15 PM - Building Committee

THURSDAY - February 4

5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY - February 7

9:00 AM - Next Step Worship Service
9:40 AM - Sunday School
10:55 AM - Morning Worship
5:00 PM - Snack Supper
5:30 PM - TEAM and UMYF

MONDAY - February 8

5:30 PM - Beth Moore Bible Study/Founder's
6:15 PM - Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY - February 9

9:30 AM - Bible Study
10:30 AM - Opportunities for Service
11:00 AM - Meals on Wheels
6:00 PM - Memorial Scholarship Committee

WEDNESDAY - February 10

3:00 PM - Disciple Bible Study
5:15 PM - Supper Served
6:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal
6:15 PM - Bible Study/Founder's Hall
6:15 PM - Building Committee

THURSDAY - February 11

5:30 PM - Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00 PM - Church Council

REMINDER:

The Church Office is closed on Fridays. If you need a staff member, please call them at home.

THE SUNDAY REPORT January 31 2010

ATTENDANCE:

9:00 AM Next Step Service	103
10:55 AM Morning Worship	122
Sunday School:	
Children	21
Youth	12
Adults	97
Total	130
TEAM	21
UMYF	21

VISITORS:

Jackie Wolfe	Huntsville
John Irwin	
Amanda McElyea	
Laura Pierce	
Billy Crews	
Amy Dalton	

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Bill Woods	Crestwood
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OFFERINGS:

On the Budget	\$6,537.30
UMCOR	35.00
Air Conditioner Fund	250.00
Hazel Green Family	100.00
Major Maintenance	20.00
Building Fund	20.00
Needed Monthly for Budget	\$37,572.00
Offerings Budget this month	\$35,034.89

WNFS Menu Highlights:

February 3 Healthy Chic.
 Cordon Bleu

All menus include a vegetable, salad, dessert and drinks. Call for reservations/cancellations by noon Tuesday.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR Openings for 2010:

February 21, 28
March - no openings
April 11, 25
May 9, 16, 23
June 6, 13
July 18
August 1, 8, 29
September 12
October 17, 31
November 7, 21
December 26

Altar arrangements are \$45. Call the church office if you would like to fill one of these dates. Thanks, Ann

NOTARY SERVICE

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

CHURCH STAFF:

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"Sweet Life Cafe"

WOMEN'S RETREAT

*"Where Women Savor Time with God, Food, and Fellowship
A Celebration of God's Bounty"*

Featured speaker: Rev. Kelly Clem

Event held at Trinity UMC on Airport Road

Holmes Street UMC women have been extended a special invitation to attend this women's retreat. It will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010 8:30 - 2:30. Cost is \$25 for the day which includes materials, lunch, and child care. Registration forms are available in the HSUMC office or you can register online at www.trinityhsv.org on the Adults page.

**CHILDREN/
YOUTH
VOLUNTEERS
for February 7**

Nursery:

Belinda Wright
Jennifer Malone

**Fantastic Voyage
TBD**

Snack Supper:

Keith & Kim Thomas,
John & Felicia Baites

Thanks to the Jeff and Paula Dame and to Johnny and Debbie Johnson for the great snack supper last Sunday. We really appreciate it! EJ



A big thanks to Julie Yarbrough and Amanda Thomas for their help with TEAM Sunday night. We got our Bible Blast! 2010 off to a great start with lots of points earned. Several kids were able to name the Fruits of the Spirit and that was great! Keep up the good work....be here, bring your Bible, and invite a friend! This Sunday we will have a special Super Bowl theme at TEAM so be here for all the fun! Eddie

YOUTH NEWS

I was out with the flu Sunday, but look forward to seeing you a.s.a.p! Youth council members will meet this Sunday at 1:30 for lunch and discussion of this year's calendar. We will be having our Super Bowl party this Sunday night at the church beginning at 5:30. Bring a friend and come cheer on your favorite team, or just watch for your favorite commercial. We would like to welcome Kalyla Hale who officially became a member of Holmes Street this past Sunday. We are very proud of you and know that God will use your talents to bless this congregation and those around you! Have a safe and blessed week.

Blessings, Steven

FROM THE MAILBOX:

The family of Gertrude Rozell wants to thank Kelly, J. B. and Marlin & Nedra Green for coming to Cogburn and allowing mother and me to partake of Holy Communion. We appreciate your concerns about her spiritual health as well as physical health. God bless all of you. Sincerely *Bobbie Flory*



**Discovery Weekend
for Holmes Street
Youth and Friends**

**August 22-24 (date change)
here at Holmes Street
Watch for more details**

**GREAT
NEWS!!**

The Evangelism/Missions committees adopted the First Stop project for another year, and it will be the same as last year. We will serve the fourth Friday of every month. We just want to thank everyone who has helped with serving the homeless. So many have pitched in and you have done an excellent job of making dishes, bringing fruit, boiled eggs, and much more. The people there are so appreciative and so are we on these committees. We look forward to being part of this ministry, and welcome anyone and everyone who would like to participate. *Helen Underwood*

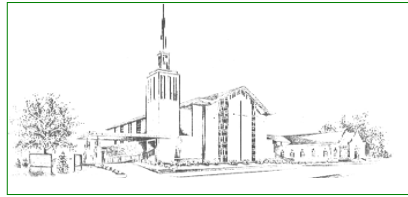
Help identify these cuties!



Our Church Historian is trying to identify these people. If you could help identify someone we might not know, please call the church office. The pic was made in the '50s.

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BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY *by Rev. Kelly Clem*



Fishing in Deep Waters

"Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him." (Luke 5:10,11)

We all experience times in our lives we're challenged to leave our comfort zone. One I'll never forget happened at a difficult time in my life, after losing our home, our church building, our own daughter, and so much else in the Palm Sunday tornado of 1994. I was in a group that wanted to go deep sea fishing. I wasn't a very experienced person, and a bit afraid of the prospect, but something inside of me said: "take the adventure!" I still had a brace on my shoulders from my injury, but I was ready to explore the deep gulf coast waters. All day we pulled in 14-16" red snapper and triggerfish, but near the end of the all-day trip, I managed to hook a 5-ft. long cobia. Not having any clue what to do next, my friends took over and fought with the fish for about an hour before the rascal finally broke the line and swam to its safety. Why, do you suppose, this "the fish that got away" story is an important one in my memory? Perhaps because by getting out of my comfort zone I realized that I could do something I never dreamed I could, and I also learned that there were friends standing by to help me. I don't really miss the cobia that got away, but I look back with fondness at an adventure that was just what I needed.

This week our focus disciples are the fishermen whom Jesus called. We know the stories of brothers Peter and Andrew, brothers James and John, and Simon the Zealot (who might or might not have been a fisherman by trade but is remembered with fish on his shield for being a fisher of men and women). Although fishing was what they had probably done all of their lives, their daily grind and their area of expertise, they were intrigued when Jesus invited them to step up their work to a new level and become fishers of men and women. Peter, in true form, jumped to the challenge to take a risk and follow Jesus.

Disciples take risks. Disciples trust that Jesus will guide them, even in the deep waters, even in the stormy seas. Disciples know that their task is to follow God's direction on how to throw out nets so that others can be brought into the family. Luke tells us that "when they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break." Consider what can happen if we overcome our fears and follow Jesus.

See you in church on Sunday!

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