

## Serve



### October is UMCOR Month

The United Methodist Women are celebrating UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) month by donating items to be used in kits distributed by UMCOR during times of disaster. We are focusing on items for health kits and school kits. You can help with the donations by bringing items to put in the bin marked 'UMCOR' in the gathering area. We hope to get a big response to this mission. You can bring any of the following items all through the month of October. The items are: round tip blunt scissors, loose leaf ruled paper, 30 centimeter rulers, handheld pencil sharpeners, unsharpened pencils, 2 1/2 inch erasers, boxes of 24 crayons, hand towels (no kitchen towels), washcloths, large combs, nail files or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers), bath-size soap bars (3 oz. and up), toothbrushes (single, adult-size and in original wrappers), plastic strip sterile bandages.

### Clothing Drive

For over 60 years members of Lexington Woman's Club have been dressing Fayette County elementary school children from our community in our clothing center on Bullock Place.

Over 1,000 Fayette County School Children will go through our doors during the months of September, October and November and leave with 5 new pair of underwear, 5 new pair of socks, a new pair of jeans or a new pair of sweatpants, 1 new sweatshirt, a new coat, gloves and hat. If the school is a uniform school, the child receives two new uniform pants, 2 new uniform shirts and the rest of the items above the same. The children also leave with a complete used outfit. This is where we need your assistance. When cleaning out your children's closets, please keep us in mind. We can use winter and summer in good condition children's clothing. Judy Mathis would be happy to pick up your clothing donations. Contact her at 223-8632 or hmathis@iglou.com.



Thanks for all who participated in this year's Habitat Build. The Dedication will be held Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. Please make plans to attend this special time in the life of Kiesha Garlington and her family at 118 Lonetta Ave.

### Methodist Children's Home Support

The Methodist Children's Home is currently raising funds through purchase and use of Kroger gift cards. When you purchase the card for \$5.00, you will receive a Kroger gift card for \$5.00. Every time you recharge the card, Kroger will donate 4% of your money to the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. There will be a table set up in the Gathering Hall downtown starting in November to purchase these cards. Andover's campus will have special envelopes to fill out to purchase the cards as well. Please consider supporting this wonderful program. Contact Beth Fritz for more information, 233-0089.

### Room in the Inn

Room In the Inn, our winter ministry that houses, feeds and welcomes homeless men into our church home, is gearing up for a fabulous seventh season. In order for this ministry to be effective, we need hundreds of volunteers. Specifically, there is need for Captains to recruit a team to run a night of RITI. If you are interested or have questions, please email or call Kelly Svec, kabone30@yahoo.com, 277-6437, 221-9560.

### God's Table

Our next God's Table evening is Tuesday, October 20. Please contact Kelly Svec, 277-6437, kabone30@yahoo.com if you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry. We are always need of more volunteers!



## Two Locations. One Firm Foundation.



### Sunday Worship Opportunities, downtown

8:30 & 11:00 a.m., Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11:00 a.m., Offerings Contemporary Worship Service, West Chapel  
Sunday School at 9:50 a.m.

### The Christian Year

November 1: All Saints Day  
November 22: Christ the King Sunday  
November 29: First Sunday in Advent



Our Mission: To invite, equip and deploy faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

As faithful followers, we worship, grow and serve together.

### Planning a 2010 Wedding?

Non-members have requested the following dates: May 22, 2010 & July 17, 2010

**First United Methodist Church**  
**200 West High Street**  
**Lexington, KY 40507**

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*O Lord,*

*"The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;  
you founded the world and all that is in it.  
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.  
Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,  
who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord."  
Psalm 89: 11, 14, 15*

*We celebrate...*

- a church that values lifestyle discipleship and span of care – from newborns to older adults
- a significant number of the congregation giving generously of their time as volunteers in our church
- a congregation that regularly generates ideas for new service and outreach ministries for the church and community.
- sacrificial use of personal and professional time to share gifts, talents, skills and financial resources in mission and ministry
- the power of personal and corporate prayer as our lifeline of communication with our Lord
- generous funding of ministry and mission opportunities despite a challenging economy
- generous giving in a climate of diminishing incomes
- stepping out in faith as a church family to fund mission initiatives
- leadership conversations that have more to do with blessing and abundance than with limitation and scarcity
- a church that exalts the name of the Lord and knows His complete love and Lordship of us all. We know that all that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be belong to God.

We celebrate the generous life of our church family and offer our time, our God-given gifts, talents and service, our earthly treasures, and our love for one another to worship, grow and serve as faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

## PAUL'S PERSPECTIVE...

by Rev. J. Paul Brunstetter, Senior Pastor

There were no doubt people among the Israelites who were not expecting God to do anything new among them. After expressing that God is doing a new thing, this question is asked: "Do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:19). Faith had given the prophet Isaiah a vision of what God will do for God's people. Indeed, people of faith have a sense of vision. That vision is fueled by a confidence that God has called us for a special purpose and he will empower us to fulfill his purposes. How sad it was to Isaiah that God was doing something in their midst, but some were not able to see it.

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland."*  
Isaiah 43:18-19

I believe God is doing a new thing among us at First United Methodist Church. In the last two weeks we have added two long-awaited additions to our staff team – our Minister of Music, Kevin Holland, and Minister of Children and Families, Bekah Thompson. These are all very exciting to me. Those congregational members who were part of our search teams will testify not only to the passion and gifts of these individuals, but to the belief that God was very much involved in their coming to us. I really do think God is up to something special.

If we have little anticipation about that which God is doing among us, our expectations are generally self-fulfilling. Those who do not expect much from God usually do not receive much from God. God's greatest blessings are usually reserved for the people who live in faith and exemplify great anticipation for what God can do in and through their lives. How are you praying, and what are you anticipating? I am praying for a God-sized vision, for the eyes to see what God is up to - and that I will have the wisdom to not be an obstacle, but will get on board with all that God is doing.

What about you?

### The Game of Life

Biblical Lessons Learned from Coaching  
Fall 2009 Sermon Series Continued

October

- 25: VII. Bouncing Back from Defeat (John 21:15-19)

November

- 1: VIII. Finish Strong!  
(2 Timothy 4:7-8)

## Children and Youth

### Youth Updates

Natural Bridge Trip a Huge Success!

Thank you to all of the parents and youth who joined us on our outing to Natural Bridge this past Sunday! Over 30 students and family members attended and had a great time exploring and appreciating God's creation. We look forward to having you with us next year!

Senior High Students to Learn About Homelessness and Poverty

The Sr. High youth will be participating in the Cardboard Village on October 24 and 25. This overnight event focuses on poverty and homelessness in the Lexington area. The youth will be serving and learning with several downtown mission groups in a very unique way. Contact Elley Fisk, [elley@1stumc.org](mailto:elley@1stumc.org), or Jim Nally, [jim@1stumc.org](mailto:jim@1stumc.org), if you have any questions or would like to help!

Youth Volunteers

We are always in need of help with the youth! If you are interested in finding a way to serve the youth group on a regular basis, no matter how big or how small, please contact Jim Nally at [jim@1stumc.org](mailto:jim@1stumc.org) or contact the church office, 233-0545.

Follow us on the Web!

Please check out the youth group's blog celebrating their activities and upcoming events. You can keep up with us at [fumcy.wordpress.com](http://fumcy.wordpress.com).

### FaithWeaver Friends

FaithWeaver Friends for children ages three through fifth grade is now on Wednesday evenings, 6—7 p.m. Kids experience the Bible theme for the week, Projects With A Purpose, Snack-It Café, Surprise Stations, plus a time of reflection and journaling to help our children express and learn how they will apply God's Word to their lives.



Our **Children's Choirs** are part of FaithWeaver Friends, and are as follows:  
Carol Choir: ages 3 through K  
Wesley Singers: grades 1—5

## In Memoriam

Donations have been received by these generous contributors in memory of:

### Daisy Nell Hornbach

Mr. & Mrs. G R Burgess  
Mrs. George Burgess  
Mr. & Mrs. Luther G. Hundley  
Frank & Helen O'Neal Hamilton  
Mr. & Mrs. Tim Mowery  
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Preston

### Wanda Long

The Crew Sunday School Class  
Mr. & Mrs. William Dagget  
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Fritz  
Ms. Marilyn Diane Kurzma  
Dr. & Mrs. James Mack  
Mr. & Mrs. David Muse  
Mr. & Mrs. William Saunooke

### Thank you all...

Thanks to all of you who have prayed for my husband Don during his serious illness and hospitalization. Special thanks to Pastor Brunstetter, Beth Fritz, Kathy Sullivan, Rick Bailey, Mike Green, & the Flower Ministry.

*Nancy Stengel*

### About the Circuit Rider...

The remaining 2009 deadlines to have information to our church office are:

- November 8
- December 13

Additionally we continue to move toward emailing the majority of our newsletters, knowing we will always need to mail a certain portion. As always, we appreciate your support.

## Our Church Family

### Fall Sermon Series

Offerings Contemporary Worship  
11 a.m., West Chapel  
*Teddy Ray, Pastor*

**October 11 - November 1**  
Heaven & Hell

**November 8**  
Stewardship: Provision

**November 15**  
Stewardship: Simplicity & Generosity

**November 22**  
Christ the King Sunday: Waiting for Heaven?

## Health Cabinet News

### Flu Shots

The Health Cabinet is sponsoring flu shots on Wednesday, October 28, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The shots are \$20 in room 2. Paragon Family Health will provide the service, and will accept Medicare, Medicaid, cash, checks or credit cards.

### Blood Drive

Sunday, November 1  
Take time to save lives.  
Give someone another birthday—  
Give blood!



First Church is a  
Stephen Ministry Congregation

## Endowment Corner

Need a gift for the person who has everything? Consider one in their honor to the FUMC Endowment Foundation.

From your First Church Endowment Board of Stewards

**Charge Conference**  
Thursday, October 29—6:00 p.m.  
Andover Campus, 4131 Todds Rd.

A Charge Conference is called for the purposes of celebrating ministry, sharing Holy Communion together, electing our 2010 lay leadership, approving ministerial candidates from First Church, hearing from our District Superintendent, and requesting approval of a severance agreement with Dr. Albin Whitworth. On October 4, First Church was part of the Fayette County Cluster Charge conference at Christ UMC and was part of our connective celebration of ministry. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Girard, also gave our larger churches opportunity to meet as a local Charge Conference. A further purpose of this Charge Conference will be to ratify the action of the Fayette County Cluster Conference as it affects First Church.

### First Church in Mission in Nazareth

Four members of our congregation—Carolyn and Kevin Hale, Marlie McRoberts, and Jimmy Orr—are traveling to Nazareth to be with Nabil Samara October 15-27. This is the first time members of our congregation have visited Nabil and his family, and they have been eagerly awaiting the team's arrival. The team will spend their time traveling with Nabil to his multiple ministry locations, learning from him and how he is leading in Nazareth, and encouraging Nabil and his family with their prayers, presence and service. Please be in prayer for this team while they are in Nazareth. For more information about Nabil and his ministry, visit [www.themissionsociety.org/people/samara](http://www.themissionsociety.org/people/samara) and [www.1stumc.org](http://www.1stumc.org) and click on missions.

**UK Sign Up for UK Basketball Parking Permits**

Call the church office at 233-0545 to reserve a parking space for the 2008-2009 season.