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News and information
for your faith journey

First United
Methodist Church
February 9, 2010

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are building a community that seeks to know and love God, and serve others.

Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2010

6:00 Wednesday Night Dinner

7:00 Service of Ashes in sanctuary

“Going off the Grid”

Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness preparing for his ministry. We will reflect on what we can set aside to prepare ourselves for Easter.



Wednesday Evening Offers Food and Fellowship

Wednesdays, at 6:00pm, our church family and friends gather for healthy homemade food, good conversation and a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with each other. A \$3.00 donation helps to cover the cost of food and help those unable to donate. See you all there!

Feb. 10 ~ Potato Bar ~ Groseclose Clan

Feb. 17 ~ Soup & Salad

Wednesday Night

Lenten Classes Feb. 24 - Mar. 24

To enhance your experience of the Lenten season of preparation for Easter two adult classes are being offered on Wednesday evenings, in addition to the ongoing class led by Bob Brizee, “For the Living of These Days.” Both of these classes begin Wed., February 24.

EARTH STEWARDS CLASS

Feb. 24 - ‘Discover the need for living in a more environmentally friendly manner and how it benefits us on a personal, local, and global level’ will be the topic .

March 3 - More blooms, less water: You can use less water and still have a beautiful garden. Learn how Xeriscape gardening can reduce your watering time and increase your landscaping enjoyment. Instructor: Susan Gillin, water conservation coordinator for Chelan County PUD.

JESUS’ DISCIPLES CLASS

A second class led by Pastor Julie will serve as a time to go deeper into our experience of Jesus’ disciples which will be the focus of worship. Do we encounter ourselves when we look into the hearts and minds of the disciples? In many deep and profound ways we do. Join this class and learn more about the disciples and their relationship with Jesus.

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Dear Friends,

I have been involved with Boy Scouts almost all of my life. That may sound like a strange comment to come from a woman. Allow me to explain.

As many of you know, I had three younger brothers. As soon as the oldest two were old enough for Cub Scouts, our family became involved. When my mother began to serve as den mother, our home became a meeting place. I was given the responsibility of taking care of my youngest brother during those meetings. As they got older I attended several of their "courts of honor" as they moved through the ranks. My brothers were members of the "Order of the Arrow." Our family was bonded together even deeper after a scouting accident that claimed the lives of three of my brothers' friends. (My brother Grant was the only survivor of a group that fell through the ice on a lake during a winter camp out.) My brother Paul got his passion for sailing after belonging to a Sea Scout patrol – yes, in Oklahoma. My father served as "institutional representative" for the churches that sponsored the troops.

As a pastor, every church that I have served has had either a Cub Scout pack or a Boy Scout troop or both. That means that I have attended many more "courts of honor" and eagle scout ceremonies. Here in Wenatchee, we have the strongest troop that I have been honored to witness. If you come to the Joe Wood Hall on Tuesday evening, you will see what I mean. The room is always filled with boys and their leaders.

This church has had some great scout leaders over the years. Gene Vanderheyden was the most amazing scout leader that I have ever met and I was honored to conduct his memorial service shortly after I arrived in town. Our current leaders, Steve and Karen Fisher, along with their sons, Robert and Mark, are a large part of the current success of our troop. I would love to hear your stories of the other leaders who have served our troop.

Why am I writing about Boy Scouts today? Well, today, February 8 is the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Boy Scouts. So I would suggest if there is a Boy Scout or a former Boy Scout in your family, take time this week to remember the value of scouting in your life and theirs.

Faithfully, Pastor Julie

Got Cabin Fever? Hike Feb. 13

Feeling a little exercised deprived? Tired of the treadmill? Join the Hiking crew for another winter hike to the Ancient Lakes in Quincy. It is a 5 mile round trip excursion with the elevation of 100 to 200 ft. If you want more, Glen will take you up a fairly steep ravine for a spectacular view of the valley below.

It has been described as a "particularly curvaceous lady: scalloped hills ringing deep blue/green lakes with smoothly rounded shores, each one more beautiful than the next, enticing me onward and inward."

We will make sure and take some time to explore the entire lake basin. This wetland area provides habitat for many species of birds and mammals. And it's entertaining to watch the swallows flit in and out of the basalt cliffs.

Meet us at the church parking lot on Feb. 13 at 8:45 am. We will depart at 9:00 am. Carpooling is strongly encouraged, but there is plenty of parking at the trail head.

Wear plenty of warm clothes just in case and pack water and a healthy snack or lunch. Let's have some fun!

Your Hiking Crew, Tom, Glen, Sue, Chuck and Tracy.



Lifegroups Continue with You

There will be a short meeting at 10:00 Sunday for those wishing to continue meeting in a Lifegroup as well as anyone interested in joining a group. Meeting times and curriculum will be discussed. We'll meet upstairs in room 203 Sunday morning at 10:00am.

Meet the Bad Girls of the Bible

The 1:00pm Friday afternoon Life Group that has just finished reading One Month to Live has decided to continue with Charlene Edwards' leading us in a study on Bad Girls of the Bible. Our meetings usually last about 1½ hours, anyone interested may join us. All you need is your Bible! We look forward to seeing you this Friday at 1:00pm!



Jump into Your Swim Suit with a New Shape from PRISM!

The Christian based weight-loss program, PRISM, will begin a new session Monday, Feb. 22 -- Week 1 of 6 weeks. First time attendees: \$55.00 (ordering Phase 1 materials); \$45.00 (ordering materials for phase 2-6); \$25.00 for returning (no materials ordered). Register by sending a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 2285, Wenatchee, WA 98807 or dropping off at the office. Joyce O'Neal is your leader. 663-1373.

FUMC Book Club Feb. 18

The book club meets on the third Thursday of most months in the Parlor at 7:00. The next gathering is February 18. This is an open club and all are invited.

For February, we are reading *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen. The author has said that the "backbone" of her novel parallels the biblical story of Jacob. This is an atmospheric, gritty, and compelling novel of star-crossed lovers, set in the circus world circa 1932. It is beautifully written and brings to life the era of a traveling circus and small town America.

Join us as we explore this old fashioned and endearing story.



See a Hockey Game - Support Our Youth!

FUMC's youth council is sponsoring a **Wenatchee Wild Hockey Night** as a fundraiser - **Sat., Feb. 20**. Tickets are just \$15 for each game (regularly priced at \$18/ticket so it's a great deal for you) and not only do you get a discount on the tickets, but **\$3 of each ticket supports FUMC's youth!**



Ticket vouchers may be purchased following each service Feb. 14 or during the Wednesday night meals, Feb. 10 or 17; or from the church office. **You must purchase the vouchers from us here at church in order for us to receive the donation.**

Are You a Yard Sale Expert?

Use your experience and tips to help out the FUMC youth! The Youth Council is planning a church yard sale for mid-April. We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help us organize this event. Please contact Susan Murray (679-5969 or sa_murray@yahoo.com) or let the church office know if you can help. (P.S. Start setting aside your items to donate - we'll let you know as soon as we're ready to take them!)

SEVEN RIVER'S DISTRICT Spiritual Retreat "Dancing in the Rain" & Leadership Development

Seven Rivers District United Methodist Women
Spiritual Retreat Meeting
February 20, 2010


Monitor United Methodist Church
3799 Fairview Canyon Road
(509)-782-2601

- **Registration:** begins at 9:00 AM
- **Lunch:** will be provided at 12 Noon for **\$7.00**
- **Special speaker** Pastor Karen Davison
- **Special music**
Debbie Scoones and Karen Davison
- **Book not required:** "May I Have This Dance? An Invitation to Faithful Prayer Throughout the Year" by Joyce Rupp available at Cokesbury

Directions to church:

From Hwy 2 (Sunset) heading west turn left onto Main Street turn left onto Fairview Canyon Rd.
From Hwy 2 (Sunset) heading east turn right onto Main Street turn left onto Fairview Canyon Rd.

Contact the church office to have the registration form sent to you via email 663-1607.



Save-The-Date
VBS 2010 ~ Camp *EDGE*:
Experience + Discover God
Everywhere
June 22 - 25 ~ 9am-12pm



Don't Sink Into Your Bible - Dive In!

Our children's class, previously known as the "3rd Grade Bible Class," will be branching out to all Kinder-5th grade children who attend our 10:30 Growing Hour class! Our philosophy is that children of all ages can benefit from knowing how to use, read and find their way through the Bible.

Therefore, beginning February 21 - March 21, we invite all Kinder- 5th children to join us as we learn how to use our Bibles through fun activities, games and lessons taught by Selina Danko. We especially hope all of our 3rd graders will join us, as we will be presenting each 3rd grade participant with a Bible during worship on April 11, as per tradition! If your child is a 4th or 5th grader who did not receive his or her Bible in year's past, we encourage them to participate so they may also receive their Bible.

Please call the office today or sign up on the scroll to enroll your child in this incredible opportunity to dive (rather than sink) into their Bible!



Sunday School Kids "Journey to the Cross"

Jesus, during the last week of his life on earth, journeyed to the cross in order to show God's powerful love for us. During our 9:00 Sunday School unit, *Journey to the Cross*, children will learn that...

- Jesus is the Son of God
- Jesus came as a king of peace, not a king of war
- In spite of danger, Jesus journeyed to Jerusalem to teach God's message of love and forgiveness
- Jesus prayed for strength to complete a difficult job
- God, through Jesus, offers forgiveness and new life to all people
- God helps us make faithful choices

**"Hosanna
to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the
name of the Lord! Hosanna in
the highest heaven!"**

Matthew 21:9

"Truly this man was God's Son!"

Matthew 27:54

Wacky Wednesday Kids'

Class 7:00-8:00pm

Artisan Market

Preschool thru 5th Grade

Jr. High Retreat - Be Transformers, NOT Conformers!!

All youth in grades 6-9 are encouraged to attend this year's Conference Jr. High/Middle School Retreat at Lazy F Camp Feb. 27-28.

The retreat theme is BE TRANSFORMERS, NOT CONFORMERS! Come discover how you can make a difference in your school, community and world by listening to some really awesome speakers, singing, playing cool games, enjoying time with nature, s'mores over campfires, and snow tubing at Lazy F.

Be a Transformer of God's great world!

The cost is only \$55 for this awesome retreat! Please see Alicia Dawson for registration and carpooling info!



**Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi
Youth Group
Wednesday Night**
Join us for Dinner
@ 6:00 in JWH
Then Youth Group
6:45 - 8:00pm

Sunday School Schedule for February 14 ~ 9:00 Service

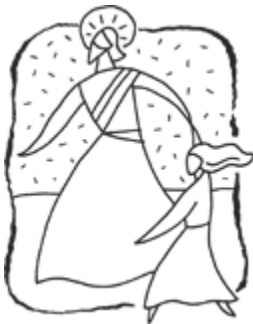
Age / Grade	Class	Room	Location
Ages 3, 4 and Pre-K	Jesus is Alive	Noah's Ark	Main
Kinder - 5th Grade	Valentine's Day Celebration	Artisan Market	Upstairs
6th - 8th Grade	Jr. High Sunday School	Youth Room	Downstairs
9th - 12th Grade	Sr. High Sunday School	Living Room	Downstairs

Growing Hour Schedule for February 14 ~ 10:30 Service

Grade	Class	Room	Location
Kinder - 5th Grade	Valentine's Day Celebration	Artisan Market	Upstairs

Children's Ministry

"Jesus is Alive" in Our Preschool Class



Energetic toddlers seem to embody the joy of spring. Bundles of giggles, wiggles, and squirms, toddlers constantly change and grow, just like the lively world around them. And what better time for young children to learn about new life than in the coming months of spring- when seedlings push up through the soil, baby birds begin to hatch, and signs of new life appear under every leaf and blade of grass?

Therefore, throughout February and March, our preschool Sunday School class will grasp onto the essence of spring to teach children that Jesus is also gloriously alive! This unit will provide opportunities for children to use their five senses to discover that Jesus rose from the dead and is with us all the time.

While experiencing the lively signs of spring in the coming months, we encourage you to also help your toddler learn that Jesus is alive and with us. Take time to pick flowers as they bloom, go for walks in the fresh spring air, and catch your toddler's "spring fever" as we celebrate the glorious fact that Jesus is alive!

Bits & Pieces

HELP! HELP! I need flowers to grace my altar!

Please sign up to bring some. The sign-up sheet is just outside the office. You will notice there are lots of places to sign. If you want the flowers to honor a special person, just note that and it will appear in the Vine.

As your Sanctuary, I appreciate it when you furnish live flowers to bless the congregation. Be sure to deliver them on Friday when the church is open. Without you, we will sadly have to do with whatever artificial arrangement we can find. Thank you for remembering me.

Yours faithfully, the Sanctuary

Many Thanks

Thanks for the calls, visits, cards and transportation while I was a guest in Green Gables. **Joe White**

Thanks for all the cards, well wishes and food after Tony's accident. **Tony and Jennifer Talbot**

~ Worship Attendance ~

February 7, 2010

Service	Adults	Children/Youth	Total
8:00am	30	0	30
9:00am	91	32	123
10:30am	<u>152</u>	17	169
Youth Activities		<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>
Totals	273	69	342

Prayer Concerns Column Guidelines

So that you are aware of our Joys and Concerns column guidelines, we accept names of loved ones to be placed in this column for up to four (4) weeks. At that time, we remove them to make room for new names to be added. If your loved one continues to need our prayers, you may submit their name again. Also, please let us know when your loved one is in the hospital and when they go home. Call the church office 663-1607 or fill in the form online at: www.firstumchurch.org/Prayers.htm.

LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: Prayers of sympathy are offered to Jim and Karen Russell upon the death of their niece, **Jill McMullen**, Feb. 9; Prayers of sympathy are offered to Bill and Marlene Dearing upon the death of Bill's nephew, **Robert Bouchet**, Jan. 30.

IN THE HOSPITAL: **Lillian Auwerter** (lung issues, CWH); **Lynn Talbot** (heart surgery, Tony Talbot's uncle); **Gene Schwilke** (heart infection, Indianapolis, Susie Smith's son); **Diane Anderson** (CWH, Dee Stromme's daughter); **Patty Yates** (Admitted to Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland Wed., Jan. 13 for Autologous Stem Cell Transplant to treat her Multiple Myeloma - a blood cancer. Patty is the niece of Ron Yates).

CONTINUED PRAYERS: (*HFH=home from hospital) **Robert Chase** (acquiring a job and safe travels); **Luke Christopherson** (cont. cancer remission); **Holly Clausen** (lead me where you need me); **Carol Colyn** (liver cancer, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's cousin); **Marilyn Crollard** (breast cancer, Marlys Parson's sister); **Ron Enger** (lung cancer); **Larry Focht** (open heart surgery, Brian Focht's father); **Bill Green** (injured sacroiliac, Alice Martin's son-in-law); **Brad Hitzel** (brain cancer, friend of Amy and Stewart Smith); **Jennifer Larkin Haskell** (terminal lung cancer, June Huber's friend); **Willem Keyser** (Highline Convalescent Center); **Kathy Litch** (kidney cancer, Sherry Bowen-Coriell's friend);

Joys & Concerns

Von McVey (heart issues); **Jessica Markie** (cystic fibrosis, awaiting a lung transplant); **Parmalee Moos** (back surgery); **Don Moos**; **Mary K. Morgan** (HFH, Aaron's Adult Home); **Rob Osgood** (broken wrist/finger); **Celeste Reid** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **Marilyn Samuelson** (cancer, Harold Miller's friend); **David Schott** (knee replacement recovery); **Verna Schwilke** (breast cancer, Susan Schwilke-Smith's sister-in-law); **Hannah Tomlinson** (grades, health, finding job); **Barb Visser**, **Kim Weller** (recurrence of cancer, daughter of Robin Gates and Del Ketchie); **Holly Ware** (health issues); **Janea White** (cancer).

WEEKLY CHURCH PRAYERS: Omak and Pastor Jack Schneider and Assoc. Pastor Taleah Edmonds.

SPECIAL PRAYERS: For all children especially Haiti.

IN SERVICE: **Jamie Boscow** (Germany, grandson of Gerald and Roberta Jones); **Chad Calhoun** (Air Force, State-side, Marion and Joanne Calhoun's grandson); **Blake Campbell** (Navy, son of Bryan and Jody Campbell, grandson of Don and Rita Campbell); **Peter Dietsch** (Marine, stationed at Camp Pendleton, son of Susie Schell-Dietsch); **Mike Gotthold** (son of Julie and Bill Gotthold); **Eric Halstrom** (Afghanistan); **Blaine Skelton** (Marine serving in Iraq, son-in-law of Kris Neely); **Ashley Smith** (Afghanistan); **Blaine Robinson Tucker** (stationed at Bangor, WA, son of Scott Tucker, grandson of Christy Robinson); **Marine William Valencia** (in Iraq, brother of Victor and Tony Unger); **Michael Wheeler** (Air Force/Iraq, Margaret Scott's nephew).

These are the prayer requests as of Feb. 9, 2009. Don't see yours here? Call 663-1607.

Classes - Bible Studies

Perspectives Class - Sundays 9:00am - Upper Room

MISSIONS: Why? What? Where? How? ... will be the topic for Perspectives this Sunday, **Feb. 14.**

On March 7, Perspectives will discuss **The Man Who Wasn't There**, a film by Joel and Ethan Coen. A DVD of the film is available for check-out in the church office for anyone who wants to view the film. Please return it in three days, so everyone who wants to see the film can do so before March 7. Thank you.

Process and Faith - Sundays 9:00am

Sunday, February 14 our class will discuss Chapter 9 "Transformative Theologies" and Chapter 10 "Learning to Find Your Theological Voice" in Philip Clayton's *Transforming Christian Theology for Church and Society*. **We welcome others to join us in the Meikle Room at 9:00 – 10:00am.**

Disciple 1 Bible Study - Mondays 7:00pm

Taught by Kay Ryan on Monday nights 7:00–9:00 p.m. Disciple 1 is the first in the series of Disciple classes. Becoming Disciples through Bible Study is an overview of the Old and New Testaments. It will cover 80% of the Bible. Each meeting will be approximately 2 hours long with a video segment to start the discussion.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study Meets at 9:30am

Our Tuesday morning Bible class will be studying a book by noted writer, James W. Moore, entitled **JESUS' PARABLES ABOUT DISCIPLESHIP**. We meet from 9:30 to 11:00am in the Upper Room for fellowship and learning. New students are always welcomed to join our lively discussions.

For the Living of These Days - Wednesdays 7:00pm

Wednesday, February 10 our class will review what we have learned and affirmed about preparing for death by deeply caring for ourselves and our loved ones, then turn our attention to the study we wish to engage in next. We invite others to join in our discussion in the Upper Room 7:00 – 8:30pm.

Wacky Wednesday Kids' Class 7:00pm

We look forward to seeing all of our Preschool - 5th graders in the Artisan Market following the Wednesday night dinner, 7:00-8:00pm, for crafts, games, and fun Bible lessons!

World Religions Class

Christianity and World Religions, Wrestling With Questions People Ask, is a video-based study and discussion class facilitated by Peter Leslie, meeting **Wednesday evenings, 7:00 pm**. Based on the videos of Methodist Pastor Adam Hamilton, the class examines Christianity and four other major world religions: Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. You are welcome to join us.

Scribble, Squish, Create !!!

Lisa Pattison is teaching basic art techniques as students explore their creativity through a variety of art mediums such as graphite pencil and ceramic clay. This adult class will take place **Wednesdays at 7:00pm**. A small fee for supplies is requested.

Next Week's Calendar

Sunday, February 14, 2010

- 8:00am Chapel Worship
- 9:00 Celebration Service
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 9:00 Process & Faith (M)
- 9:00 Perspectives Class (U)
- 10:30 Classic Service

Monday, February 15, 2010

Office Closed - President's Day

- 12:00pm PRISM (M)
- 6:30 Bell Choir (S)
- 7:00 Disciple 1 Bible Study

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 9:30 Tues. Morn. Bible Study (U)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 5:30 Church & Society (P)
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202,203,204)
- 6:30 Boy Scouts (JWH)

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

- 10:00am Staff Meeting
- 6:00pm Wed. Night Dinner (JWH)
- 6:45 Youth Groups
- 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service (S)**
- 7:45 World Religions Class
- 7:00 Adult Art Class

Thursday, February 18, 2010

- 8:30am Ladies Exercise (M)
- 10:00 Tot Spot (N)
- 5:30pm Celebration Singers
- 6:00 ESL (UR, 202, 203, 204)
- 7:00 FUMC Book Club (P)

Friday, February 19, 2010

No Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, February 20, 2010

No Meetings Scheduled

Meeting Room Key: Chapel (C); Ubuntu Theater (UT); Living Room (LR); Joe Wood Hall (JWH); Meikle Room, (M); Youth Room (Y); Nursery (N); Parlor (P); Sanctuary (S); Pre-K Room (P-K); Upper Room (U); Julie's Office (JO);

First Church Loves Missions!

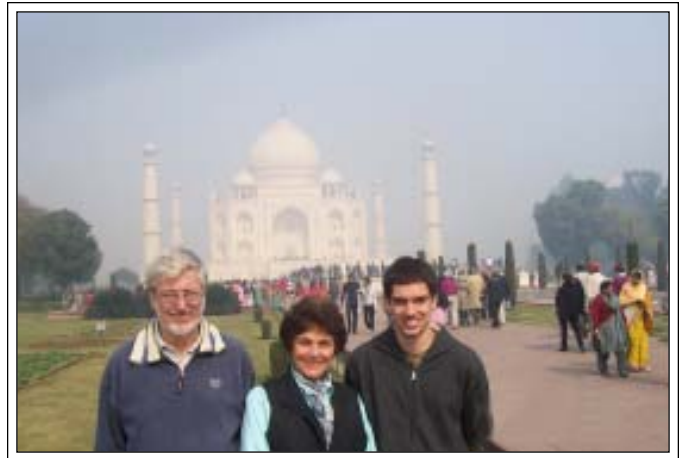
India Mission Trip Purifies Water!

Robin and Jim Gates and grandson Max Weller have returned from India and the installation of a clean water system in a Christian orphanage. There were 75 children plus their teachers and staff. They ranged from 7-12 years old and their smiling faces and joyful excitement brought a deep joy to our hearts. They along with the village people now have clean water for drinking and cooking. We traveled with 6 others from the East Coast who's Presbyterian Church purchased the system and was the main sponsor of the Living Waters project. Robin and Max helped teach lessons for the teachers and children on the importance of clean water. Jim helped supervise a team of local men and school boys who installed the system and were trained to run it. There will be several yearly follow-ups by members of the Living Waters project to ensure that it is being properly used.



Other sites in the area are being surveyed for water purification installations. One site is a Methodist orphanage of 200 children, we met many of the leaders who work there. It is our hope that our church could help purchase a system for that site. The cost is \$3,000.00.

We would like to thank all those who helped collect toothbrushes, sewing kits and crayons for the children and adults and to the mission team for making a contribution to the project.



Haiti Classroom Project Makes Over 33 Health Kits!

Martin and Henry Talbot have been collecting supplies for the health kits for Haiti by inviting their fellow students at Lewis and Clark elementary to help contribute. This week they assembled 33 kits. They still need more nail clippers, hand towels, combs, bandaids and dollars,



F@W is at Work Again

This coming Saturday, Feb. 13, from 10:00am to noon, we will be cleaning, organizing and sanitizing the nursery. As Jesus said to Mary "Come, we have much work to do together." **Betty Smith and the Faith@Work Team**

First Church Loves Missions!

Show the World some Love

Fair Trade Sale Sunday, February 14!

Products from Central and South America, the Far East, India and the USA are available at the Missions Team Fair Trade sale in the Parlor from before 8:00am until 12:00pm. We have chocolate bars and mini chocolates, coffees and teas (regular and decaf), pecans and cranberries, as well as baking and drinking cocoa. This month the colorful and multiple-use cotton market bags from India are on sale!



Stop at the table and buy some sweets — or something else — for yourself, your family or a friend. We promise you a smile, a wonderful organic product . . . and the good feeling of doing something that helps small farmers around the world. The next Fair Trade

sale date is March 14. Thank You!

Keep it Green

Taking just a moment to put your newspaper, soda can and glass spaghetti jar in the recycling bin will save everyone years in environmental harm from production of new materials, over crowded landfills and the depletion of our natural resources.



Odd as it seems there are many people who do not realize that plastic bottles our water comes in is made out of oil. This is the same oil that is used to make gasoline. It's the same oil that is in such high demand and is not an unlimited resource.

Help the People of Haiti

Health Kit Items Value: \$12 per kit

Place these items inside a sealed one-gallon plastic bag

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- 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)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages ■ \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (NOTE: UMCOR Sager Brown is now purchasing toothpaste in bulk to be added to health kits before shipping to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

Important Kit Assembly Information

- All items included in kits must be NEW items. ■ All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items nothing more. ■ Do NOT include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.

Of course, monetary donations for the people of Haiti are always appropriate. See our website to donate online www.firstumchurch.org or drop a check at the church office.



Able to Save Us

Weekly Devotional

Read Daniel 3:8-30

God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

-2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

IN the current global financial crisis, my family and I may confront life-changing financial challenges. However, the passage quoted above reminds me that when we face circumstances that frighten us, we are never without hope.

This has always been true for God's people, even in the worst of times. Daniel's three friends, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, faced visible danger from the blazing furnace. Yet, staring directly into the flames, they were able to say, "The God we serve is able to save us." But even if their physical lives were not to be saved, they still placed their confidence in God.

Second Timothy 1:7 says, "God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." We have these tools—power, love, and self-discipline—to use in any crisis. Furthermore, God will certainly use us in hard times to expand the kingdom, just as God uses the story of the furnace and three courageous Jews to inspire us today.

Frank L. Hearne (Florida, USA)

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, be with us in times of crisis and every day. Use us to inspire others to trust you. Amen.

Thought for the Day: In uncertain times, Christ offers us certain hope.

Prayer Focus: Those facing financial crisis

—Upper Room

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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9:00-Noon, 1:00-5:00pm
Fridays 9:00-1:00pm

Regular Worship Services

8:00am Chapel Worship
9:00am Celebration Service
Children's Sunday School
Jr. & Sr. High Sunday School
Adult Classes
10:30am Classic Service
Children's Growing Hour
Adult Class

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