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Change is not an easy thing for me. I have lived in the same house for 25 years, gone to the same grocery store for just as long, lived within 10 miles of my birthplace for my whole life, worked at a previous church for 11 years and our church for almost 18. Can I even imagine not driving my usual

path every Sunday, Wednesday, Monday - any other day to come to church? There is no way I could ever express my feelings about the "family" I have at FUMC Duncanville. It seems like only yesterday that I walked into the preschool, thanks to Janice Chambers, and started teaching music to some very precious little children, playing for youth choir and children's choirs. But that was 1989. We have all been through so many phases during these years. This church, our church, has opened many doors for me . . . doors to people's lives that I have grown to love. Thank you for letting me walk through those doors. An entire generation of kids have "gone through the ranks" with me. Their faces, at every age, will be in my heart and mind forever. I love the piano in the sanctuary, the organ that we were so very lucky to acquire, the beautiful windows - everything. Most of all I have had the privilege to sit on my "perch" and look out at you, the congregation, each and every week. I have admired your commitment to our church and our God. I leave, not with joy, but with total awe and love for a church which is you, the people. Thank you for your constant support and encouragement. You have made me grow as a musician, but most of all as a person who loves serving in a place where others have given me more than I could ever give them.

Easter Sunday will be Candy's final Sunday.



Our Crossroads audition/rehearsal will take place on Monday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. in Aldersgate.

We are looking for **experienced**:

- Singers
- Drummer
- Bass guitar

If you have genuine performance experience, you are who we need!

OUR EASTER JOURNEY

MARCH 31, Saturday--PANCAKE BREAKFAST--7:00-10:00 a.m.

Come and enjoy pancakes and the trimmings prepared by our famous United Methodist Men cooks.

MARCH 31, Saturday -- Easter Experience--9:30-10:30 a.m.

Let the children come and enjoy the fun of the morning.

APRIL 1--PALM SUNDAY--11:00 a.m. service

John Rutter's Mass of the Children. The Chancel Choir, along with the Youth Choir, Children's choirs, soloists and chamber orchestra, will present this new choral work, by one of today's most gifted composers of sacred music. Our soloists are soprano Gail Stutts-Harrell and baritone, Cruz Sanchez.

APRIL 5--MAUNDY THURSDAY--7:00 p.m. service

A new experience for our church as a service of meditation, the washing of hands and the Last Supper will be served in groups of 12.

As you meditate in the sanctuary, one of our pastors will invite you into a smaller room for the washing of hands and the serving of the Last Supper as each aspect of this holy evening is explained and experienced.

APRIL 6--GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE--7:00 p.m. service The Service of Darkness, with music provided by Musica Sacra, takes you through the last hours of Christ's Passion. The chancel area is stripped and shrouded in black as the Christ candle is extinguished. By experiencing Good Friday you can more fully appreciate the incredible joy of Easter Sunday.

APRIL 8--EASTER SUNDAY

Four inspirational services starting with the Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. and continuing with services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 a.m. The last three services will feature special Easter music by the Chancel and Youth Choirs, Celebration Ringers and brass quintet. The services will also feature "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's *Messiah*.



Our United Methodist Men treated the church to handmade hamburgers, hot dogs, chips and cookies on Sunday, March 11.

They will once again be cooking on Saturday, March 31, for their annual pancake breakfast. Tickets will be on sale this Sunday in the Narthex or from any United Methodist member.

Come to the **Crossroads**

On Sunday, April 15th, First United Methodist Church Duncanville will unveil a new contemporary worship service. This new service, called **CROSSROADS**, will be a dynamic blend of music, multi-media and positive messages in the casual atmosphere of Aldersgate.

With a 9:00 start time, this service is meant to be a new option for those people looking to worship the Lord in a less-formal, more progressive atmosphere.

But we need your help because **CROSSROADS** is still under construction. Music will be a key part of **CROSSROADS** and we want to have a live band perform each week. If you are a gifted musician with talent on guitar, bass, percussion, keyboard or vocals and could give us either a part-time or full-time commitment then we want to hear from you.

Friendly, enthusiastic people are also needed as greeters and members of the hospitality team.

If you would like to help out in these areas, or any capacity, please fill out the form on page 5 and drop it in the offering plate, mail it to the church office or just drop it by so we can contact you about joining this exciting new worship service.

So circle April 15 on your calendar. Everyone is invited to join us at 8:45 that morning for coffee and doughnuts with the **CROSSROADS** service beginning at 9:00. The next 45 minutes will be filled with song, sermon and soul-lifting fellowship with more than enough energy to last the entire family through the busy week ahead.

Come to the **CROSSROADS**, where your life intersects with the cross.



Congratulations to the Elementary Sunday School students, Jacob Hemphill, Catherine Sellars and Michelle Losey for memorizing the books of the Bible.



Easter Sunrise Service- April 8 –
ALL YOUTH NEED TO PLAN ON PARTICIPATING
 We will be working on this service starting March 25
 Check your Mail- Summer info is coming soon!

Mission Trips, Camp, AYR

Important Dates:

April 22- Confirmation Sunday

May 20- Senior Sunday

June 8-15 – Choir Tour

June 18-22 – VBS

Senior High Mission Trip- June 23-30

Senior High Camp- July 2-7

Junior High Mission Trip- July 22-27

All Youth Retreat – August 10-12

If you are interested in teaching Youth Sunday School (jr. high or sr. high) or helping out Sunday nights, please contact Janet.

Janet@fumcd.com or 972-298-6121

“Back to the Fifties”



A Musical Revue and Dinner Theater
 Presented by the FUMC Youth Choir
 featuring the Carol and Alleluia Choirs

Friday, April 27
 Sunday, April 29

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
 Dinner served at 7:00 p.m.
 Show begins at 7:30 p.m.

Ticket sales begin on
 March 25 in the Narthex

Floor - \$15.00
 Upper Level - \$10.00
 Balcony - \$5.00

Menu

Old Fashioned Hamburgers • Tater Tots • Sundaes

Our Talent Abounds



Praise, one of our many musical ensembles, sang *Blessed Assurance* on Sunday, March 18 and our Celebration Ringers did their usual incredible job playing a piece called *Crosswinds*.



You have the option of receiving your church paper, *First Edition*, via email. This will arrive no later than Wednesday and the pictures will be in color.

Go to our website (www.fumcd.com) and click on *First Edition*. Sign up to receive your epaper and also have the opportunity to continue receiving your hard copy or just receiving one via email.

We are here to serve.

Going, Going, Gone



On a foggy morning last week, property owned by the church that faced Daniel Street and had been a day care center, was demolished. The property was unrentable and required maintenance expense which made it not feasible for the church's use. The area can be used for an expanded playground for our preschool and also for churchwide events and picnics. Trees were preserved to make this a very open and potentially beautiful area.



Louise Barton honored

On Sunday morning, March 18, Louise Barton (3rd from right) was honored for her 30 years of voluntary service to the church library. Her family surprised her by attending the 8:30 a.m. service. A stone has been donated to the Memorial Garden in her honor.



Chaz Womble, son of Fred and Cheryl Womble, reported to boot camp at Fort Benning, Georgia this week. He is a 2006 graduate of Duncanville High School and had been very active in our youth group and choir. Good luck to Chaz. We are very proud of you.



Thirty of our youth and 10 adults had a very successful ski trip to Breckenridge, Colorado. Arriving home with no injuries and lots of memories was a huge accomplishment.



Ladies Christian Book Club

April Book Selection:

"40 Days: Encountering Jesus Between the Resurrection and Ascension"
By Alton Gansky

Join us for discussion & fellowship
Monday, April 9 @ 7:00pm
in the Parlor

Call Letitia Nachtrieb if you have questions

The United Methodist Women will conduct their April Unit meeting at 10:00 am, April 3, 2007 in Aldersgate.

The speaker will be Stacy Welk, Director of the Wesley Rankin Center. This program is open to all members and their guests. Members are asked to bring donations for Wesley Rankin, specifically paper towels, napkins, and various other type paper goods. As always they need for craft paper, crayons and new books are always a joy for less fortunate children to receive.

Progressor's SS Class Easter Lily Order Form

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Martha Leewright
Lou Fain
David Knox
Owenda Douglass
Dolores Campbell on the death of her husband John

Rev. Sheri Hollingsworth on the death of her grandfather, Garland Smith
Our military
Our firefighters and police

Death

John Campbell
Robert Reid

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**Don't wait for 6 strong men
to take you to church.**

Remember

Call the church office and make us aware if you or someone you know in the church is in the hospital or plans surgery. 972.298-6121

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If you wish to make a memorial or honorarium, just indicate on your check the name of the individual and the fund to which the money is to be donated. A note will be sent to the family indicating a donation was made and the name of the donor. Flowers may also be ordered for Sunday morning in memory or honor of a loved one or an event. These dates may be reserved by calling the church office and speaking with Barbara Cline or Carol Weller. The price of each arrangement is \$35.00. You may take the flowers home following the 11:00 a.m. service on the Sunday you selected. Church office is 972.298-6121.

Class Notes

CUP & SAUCER

Sunday, we had 47 present including Lou Clevenger's relatives Jeremy & Meghna. Marjorie Crumb was a visitor recently. Visitors are always welcome.

Thanks to Marcie Hughson for our morning prayer. We are thankful Marcie is blessed to be back in class after an extended illness. God is Good. Our powerful lesson today on love from 1 John 4:7-21 was led by Peggy Ogden. Alex will lead our lesson 3-25 on LOVE from 1 John 5: 1-12. Joined by family and friends, retiring church librarian Louise Barton was honored Sunday for 30 years of service. A donation may be given to the library fund in her honor.

Please pray for our sick and shut in, Bettye Rice & Grace Brandenburg.

NEW HORIZONS

Our lesson was led last Sunday by Bob Hastings entitled "Showing Divine Love." Carolyn Babb played the piano to start the class, and Betty Shugart led us in prayer.

The Texas Rangers game outing will be April 23rd. The tickets are bought. Check with Barbara McGee if you need a ticket and your name isn't already on the list.

Please keep the following in your prayers: Larry and Willa Yost, Charles Cason, Chambron family, Kay Conant's daughter-in-law, Angie Coby, Chuck Weems, Danny Craig, Sandra Coyle, Lillie Ashcraft, Joanna Nelson, Mary Ann Davis, Carol, Lori & James Waldrup, Martha Williamson, Cami Leigh Crews, Rev. Bill Stephenson, James Jordan, Billy, Jennifer, Mary Ann Lee, Ruby Edgar,

Mavis Mathis, Dr. James Goode, Sandra Rodrick, Charlene Martynowski, Lou Fain, Ada Hart, Gordon Guinn, Karen Roberts, and Karen Kelly.

On March 25th, our lesson will be "The Way to Love and Life" taught by David Gregory. This lesson is the fourth in Unit I for the spring of 2007. The scripture background for the lesson is 1 John 5:1-12, so read your Bible this week and we will see you Sunday.

UNITED CLASS

Carolyn Babb taught on the 11th as our visiting teacher and we say "thanks" and "come again."

Mike taught on the 18th and developed the "Love" lesson from John with participation from the class and we say "well done again." We had reports on several class mem-

bers who are absent and need our prayers.

Jim Thrash explained one of the proposals about the church's rental property which the Trustees are considering.

Mike suggested the class consider adding a blackboard.

Remember April 11 and the class visit to the Arboretum.



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