

MARCH MUST-DO'S

- Wednesday, March 4Children eat at Applebee's
- Friday, March 6 **BUNCO** is back sponsored by UMW
Bring \$5 and a snack to share
- Sunday, March 8 "Jewish Home Beautiful"
sponsored by the Sisterhood of Ahavas Chesed Synagogue
10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 12 Book Discussion
The Last Lecture at the home of Miriam Pittman
- March 13 and 14.....Adult and Youth Handbell Festival in Bay Minette
- Saturday, March 21Dumas Wesley "Walk for Families"

DUMAS WESLEY COMMUNITY CENTER WALK FOR FAMILIES



The 19th Annual Dumas Wesley "Walk for Families" is Saturday, March 21. Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the race, and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. There is a 5 mile walk and a 2 mile walk. The day includes door prizes, a silent auction, health fair and picnic lunch.

Kingswood has been an active supporter of this event for several years. There are lots of ways to be a part of this mission project. Consider being a walker, sponsoring a walker, or being a volunteer for race day. "Walk for Families" is very important to Dumas Wesley this year as funds from both the United Way and from United Methodist apportionments will be decreased.

The KUMC Mission Committee presented its 2009 goals at the February Church Council meeting. The committee, co-chaired by Louise Nichols and Frankie Wood, has laid out four areas of commitment for this year. The areas are Dumas Wesley Community Center, Youth Mission Trip '09, Red Bird Mission and the completion of the Blue Lake Improvement Campaign.

Kingswood has always been a strong supporter of the work done through Dumas Wesley. This year is the 19th annual "Walk for Families", and the Mission Committee will be talking a lot about the walk which is scheduled for Saturday, March 21. Like most non profit agencies, Dumas Wesley is seeing the results of a struggling economy. Therefore this year's walk is more important than ever.

Our KUMC Youth have been raising money for their mission trip for almost a year. There are 19 youth that will be participating in this project in the state of Maine. They hope to raise enough money to cover all of their expenses for the trip, and the Mission Committee will be doing as much as possible to encourage our congregation to support this important project.

The Red Bird Mission has been lending assistance to the Appalachian people for over 50 years. Kingswood supported the Red Bird Mission in 2008 with a monetary donation, along with several boxes of winter clothes. The VBS children collected money in the summer of 2008 for this very worthy project. We are continuing our support of the Red Bird Mission in 2009.

Finally, Blue Lake has needed refurbishing for some time now. The Blue Lake Campaign is about \$800,000 from meeting its goal of \$3 million. The Mission Committee has determined that Kingswood can play an important role in helping Blue Lake complete its campaign. There will be more information regarding this campaign in the upcoming months.

As you read this article the Mission Committee wants you to know that no amount is too small when it comes to helping with one of our projects. Helping with one project is as important and as needed as helping with all mission projects. The Mission Committee is calling on every member of the congregation to help. You may help as an individual, or as part of a Sunday school class or other KUMC group. As we move through the year, please watch for ways that you might can be a part of our mission projects.

YOUTH NEWS

The youth of KUMC are preparing a taste-tempting cookbook featuring favorite recipes from the family and friends of Kingswood. Our cookbook will be beautifully illustrated and bound and is sure to be treasured for years.



We would like you to submit up to 10 of your favorite recipes so that you will be represented in this memorable collection. There is absolutely no cost to you for your contribution. We especially encourage recipes that have been passed down in your family, recipes that are suited for our current economic times, and recipes that are heart-healthy. There is a very special section called Kingswood Kids—we hope that all of the children of KUMC and KCLC will contribute. It may be something that they can make themselves, or simply a favorite recipe.

Please include any special memories or suggestions associated with your recipe under Recipe Notes for online submissions or at the end of your directions if submitting on the paper form available in the church office. **Deadline for submission is March 3.**

Each cookbook will contain helpful hints, recipe category dividers, a table of contents, an index, and special pages of interest to the Kingswood family, including photos. The cookbook will be typeset in an easy-to-read format and professionally printed and bound.

Proceeds from our cookbook sales will help fund summer activities for our youth, including Mission Trip 2009. Your help in contributing recipes will ensure that our cookbook will be a success. It is our goal to have these printed and ready to distribute in time for Mother's Day gift-giving. You may reserve your books (\$12 each) through the church office or Marti Normand.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: If you have internet access, go to www.typensave.com. Enter kumcyouth as the group name and lacefield as the password.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER SUBMISSIONS: Forms and instructions are available in the church office or from Marti Normand.

On Saturday, March 7 at 6:30 a.m., the youth will be serving at St. Francis Street. Please make plans to be a part of this special ministry to the homeless.

GROCERY SHOPPING?

Make sure you mark Saturday, April 4 down on your calendar. The youth of Kingswood will be bagging groceries at the Winn Dixie at the Cottage Hill/Schillinger intersection from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Come by and we'll load your groceries for you!

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."
Hebrews 11:1



UMW NEWS

Congratulations! to the Mobile District UMW for being the 2008 Winners of the Many Colors-One Spirit Attendance Banner. The Mobile District tied for the award with the Marianna/Panama City District. The award is given to the district that has the most number of women attending events sponsored by the district and conference.

Kingwood's Dorcas and Lydia Circles continue to be very active within our church, as well as within the district. Current or upcoming projects include:

Dorcas Circle continues to sell coupon books that provide discounts to area restaurants. The price per book is \$10.

BUNCO is coming again! Sponsored by the UMW, this fun night is scheduled for Friday, March 6. We will play in Lacefield Hall, and the excitement begins at 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack to share with others, and \$5. All proceeds go to missions.



We hope you enjoyed the younger children ringing handchimes on our Children's Sunday. Since they are a small group, the older children who sing in the Amazing Grace Choir help them by playing chimes with them. They are such a big help to me and help the younger children in reading the music. A big thank you to Justin Ortmann who directed them that day. Don't you agree that he made an excellent director?

The **Children's Handbell Choir** has just returned from the Young Ringers Handbell Festival in Fairhope. They have worked very hard these past few months getting ready for the Festival. One of the pieces played was the Christmas carol, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" that they played at the Chrismon Service in December. They will be playing some other pieces for you in the coming months.

The **Youth/Adult Handbell Choir** will be attending their festival in Bay Minette on March 13-14. The music can be challenging at times, but that's when we learn the most. We look forward each year to these Festivals. They keep us motivated and are a wonderful learning tool.

The **Carillon Ringers** from the University of Southern Mississippi will be in concert on March 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Fairhope, Alabama at the St. James Episcopal Church. Neil & Ashley Epler's son, Joel, is a member of this choir. There may be a concert on the 29th in Mobile. Details to be announced at a later date. If you have never seen this choir, it's a wonderful sight to behold. They are an extremely talented group of college students and they have traveled throughout the United States and Europe demonstrating their talents in ringing handbells. (Do you remember how Joel used to play with 2 bells in each hand? Well, with Carillon, that's common! They even play with 3 bells in each hand!) We hope to have a group to go to the concert. Look for details in the bulletin.

I want to thank all of our ringers. It takes a lot of dedication and perseverance. Being in a handbell choir is different than in band. If you are absent, your note(s) won't get played. And when many ringers are out, it's very difficult to play as there are so many absent notes. Our ringers are loyal and faithful by being at practice every week, and I thank you so much. Without you, we wouldn't have a choir to ring our praises to Him!

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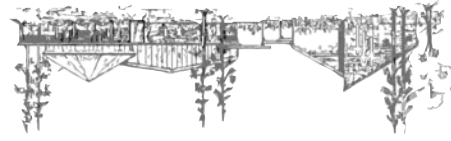
FINANCIAL CORNER

So far, so good! In the midst of all the gloom and doom that is out there, God's people are aware of Who is control, and that His work must be done. Especially when things are the most difficult, that is when God's people really go to work. When a disaster strikes, such as a hurricane, or earthquake, or tornadoes? Who is there from the beginning to the end? Christians! We want to continue the everyday work of leading others to Christ through different mission avenues, but when it gets really bad, well that is our even bigger opportunity to share the love of Christ through our strength and faith as we minister to those in need. I know that Kingswood is a great example of this kind of love.

Your giving is not slowing down, and that is a testimony of your faith and love for others. I pray that we as Christians will not feel the fear that is being advertised by the deceiver, but rather we will be strong and carry on the work God has set before us. We continue to meet our financial responsibilities, pay toward our apportionments and support the different ministry areas of the church. Will you pray with me daily that God will increase our faith and that we will not buckle under the attacks of fear about the economy and the world. May God continue to bless each and every one of you and your household.



In Christ Service,
Pete Prescott, Finance Chair

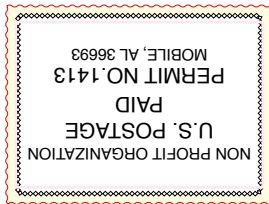


Kingswood United Methodist Church

A note from Pastor Joe Reams



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KUMC Weekly Schedule 251-661-0420

Sunday

Worship Services..... 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
 Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.
 Adult and Youth Handbells 4:00 p.m.
 MYF Snack Supper/Youth Choir 5:00 p.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Men's Prayer Breakfast..... 8:00 a.m.
 United Methodist Women Circles
 Dorcas • Second Tuesday..... 10:00 a.m.
 Lydia • Second Tuesday..... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Prayer Group 10:00 a.m.
 Lacefield Hall opens to begin serving supper 5:00 p.m.
 Order of St. George (Youth Room)..... 5:00 p.m.
 Youth Supper..... 5:30 p.m.
 Children's Choir (ages 4 through 5th grade)..... 5:30 p.m.
 Children's Supper..... 6:00 p.m.
 AUXANO for Youth (Youth Room)..... 6:00 p.m.
 Adult Bible Study..... 6:15 p.m.
 Children's Handbell Choir (ages 2nd grade through 5th grade) 6:20 p.m. - 6:50 p.m.
 Adult Choir Rehearsal..... 7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Promise Keepers 6:30 a.m.
 United Methodist Men Called meetings as necessary

A retired minister of our conference sent me the following account which carries the message that things are not always what they appear to be. During this Lenten Season of introspection, I pray that God will help me to look past the surface "truth" of outward appearances and to be enthralled by the beauty of what really lies beneath. In most of our human relationships which seem so easy, temporary and ordinary, there exists a profoundly eternal foundation. Remember St. Paul's commentary on the mystery of being a human being: "We have this treasure in earthen vessels." 2 Corinthians 4:7.

Some years ago, Columbia University had a great football coach named Lou Little. One day Little had a boy try out for the varsity team who was not really very good. But the coach noticed that there was something unique about him. He had an irrepressible spirit of enthusiasm. The coach knew that he was not good enough to actually play, but he thought, "This boy will be a great inspiration on the bench. I will not be able to play him, but I will leave him on the team to encourage others."

As the season went on Lou Little developed a tremendous love and admiration for this young man. One of the things he noticed about him was that when his father came to visit him, they would walk arm in arm around the campus. He and his father were very devoted to each other. One day Coach Little got a phone call informing him that the boy's father had died, and he was the one who had to inform the son of his father's death.

When he got back from the funeral, the coach said to him, "Is there anything I can do for you, anything at all?" To his astonishment, the boy answered, "Let me start the game on Saturday." It was the final and biggest game of the season, and the coach was really in a jam. But he decided he would let him start, leave him in for a few plays and then take him out. The team was puzzled when the coach started someone who hadn't played all season. He went on to play inspired football, play after play. The coach left him in the entire game. He was voted outstanding player of the game.

When the game was over, the coach said to him, "Son, what got into you today?" The boy said, "You remember my father used to visit me here at school, and we would walk arm in arm over the campus. Well, my father and I shared a secret that nobody here at school knew about. My father was blind, and this is the first time he ever saw me play."

May God help you to look beyond the obvious, during this Lenten Season.

Pastor Joe

MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

March 4 roast pork tenderloin, rice and gravy steamed cabbage rolls	March 18 chicken tenders (fried and baked) macaroni and cheese, green beans rolls
March 11 spaghetti with meat sauce salad garlic bread	March 25 hamburger steak, French fries green beans rolls or bun

bread, dessert, tea and coffee offered at all meals
 Children Under 10 Years of Age • Papa John's pizza and dessert