

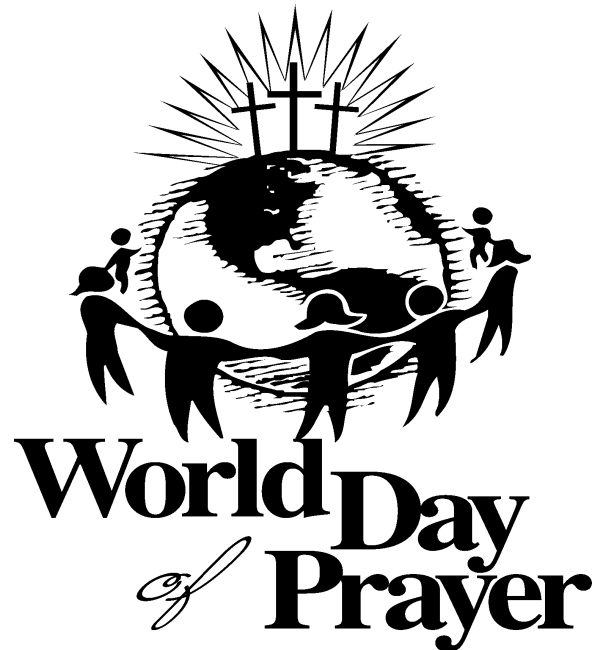


Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The Messenger

February 20, 2012

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World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 2. United Methodists need to set aside a time during the day to pray for various reasons. Some of these may be for persecuted Christians, countries facing civil and political unrest, family, friends, neighbors, and particularly our own country. Additionally, what more appropriate expression of our life together than a time set apart to pray with thanksgiving for all that we have experienced (counting our own blessings). As United Methodist Christians, our prayers this day, and every day, are a sign of hope and promise.

The congregation is encouraged to enter the Sanctuary for prayer through the church office or daycare entrances during hours of operation to participate in personal prayer. If prayer cannot be done in the Sanctuary, personal prayer is encouraged in your homes.



March

05 Doug McNeece	16 Jean Morris
07 Laura Hisel	17 Johnnie Wanger
07 Jill Zavala	20 Glen Hicks
10 Nathaniel Coleman	20 Gage Williams
10 Mona Ford	21 Evalyn Ewing
10 Matthew Harl	24 Milton Jackson
10 Skeet Hanssen	25 Betty Howard
11 Bobbie Akers	27 Carlie Clover
12 Jeanne Sellers	27 Cassie Whitham
12 Gene Steger	28 Mary Ann Spillman

From NW District LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

Don't miss this opportunity to attend **The Spring Edition of Lay Speaking Ministries (LSM) School for Basic and Certification.**

7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Saturday, March 10
Asbury UMC, Tyler

See office for registration form and more details.



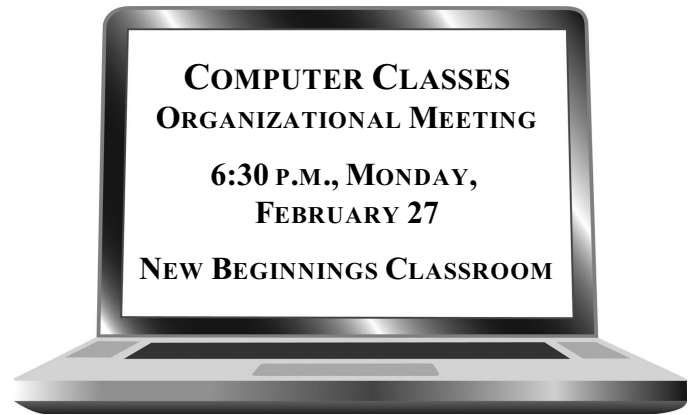
Item of the Month
MARCH

Toilet Tissue
(Potty Paper)

A note from Lee and Karen Wood . . .

Since we live in the southern hemisphere, we are enjoying summer while most of you are in the midst of winter. And with summertime comes Vacation Bible School. Our mission center invited all the valley children for five mornings of singing, snacks, Bible stories and scripture memorization. Thirteen valley churches helped and close to 600 children eagerly came each day to learn about Jesus.

Thank you for all the Christmas cards, encouragement and notes many of you sent our way this past holiday season. We are blessed.



If you have signed up for a computer class of any kind, please attend this short meeting to clarify what classes are needed and level of instruction needed.. Dr. Richard Tabu and/or Mary Quinlan will assess the needs of each student so they can better prepare for your class. Classes will then be scheduled.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

MARCH 31, 2012

Join other District Methodists at the **GREAT DAY OF SERVICE** set for Saturday, March 31. The event will begin with breakfast (cost \$5) in Pirtle Hall of Marvin UMC. After a great meal and a devotional, we will break up into work teams.

There will be service opportunities around the Tyler area for all skills and interests. Lunch will be provided at each work site and work will end by 3 p.m.

Everyone needs to preregister no later than March 26 at www.marvinumc.com (click on the "register on-line for open events" link) or call the Marvin Missions Office at 903 592-7396, Ext.121.

Please note that childcare will not be provided for this event, but children are welcome to participate along with their parents.

Wear your work clothes and plan to let your light shine on March 31!



8:30 A.M. SATURDAY
MARCH 10

Corner Bakery Café
3395 Troup Highway



A PRAYING CHURCH IS A POWERFUL CHURCH



GOD'S TREASURED ONES

Pauline Barnett	Carolyn Hicks
Leann Boggs	Charles Inman
Louise Caraway	Doris Johnson
Helen Craig	Dorothy Johnson
Lula Douglas	Leslie Jo Lowe
Frances Dowd	Mildred Madison
LaValta Fowler	Frances McCleskey
Mabel Gibbs	Lovejoy Simmons
Roy Hacker	Bill Spillman
Virginia Harl	Hazel Weeks
Fred Hartsfield	Melba Vittrup

BEREAVEMENT

Family of Connie Hickman
Father of Linda Hillis (friend of Jan Harp)

HOSPICE

Lavelle Kee

HEALTH

David Beckman	Joanna Johnson
Robert Boaz	Patrick Jones
Berniece Bolton	Patusa Mayfield
Angie Brown	Linda Neuman
Evalyn Ewing	Margie Nixon
Ruth Funk	Mary Lou Seedle
Carla Gamber & Rachel	Sue Starrett
Jana George	Robert Worsham
Dang Hartsfield	Angel Zavala

OTHER

Jean Morris Our Children & Youth Our Enemies
Wesley Foundation – TJC/UTT

OUR COUNTRY

President Obama

Timothy Brown	Aaron Clover-England
Troops & Border Security	Bryan Eubanks-Ariz.
Stephen McCarty and Tanner Suttan - Afghanistan	
All Service Men & Women	

OUR COVENANT WITH OUR DISTRICT

SUPERINTENDENT, THE REV. SANDRA SMITH

To pause and pray each day at noon for the growth of our church; we will know we are gathered in shared prayer.



You are invited to do a hands-on ministry by adopting one of our *Treasured Ones* – or – two or three people could adopt one or several together if desired.

Your ministry might include delivering a copy of the sermon each week, occasionally taking them flowers arranged from

Sunday's altar flowers (provided by our wonderful "flower arranger" Marie Jackson) – just checking on them to make sure their spiritual and physical needs are being met.

A list of our *Treasured Ones* is shown in the left column.

Pastor Rick will continue to visit each *Treasured One* on a rotating basis.

Please let the office know if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity.



Altar flowers for Sunday, February 26, will be given to the glory of God by the family of Fairwood UMC as we pray for, honor and love our "Treasured Ones".

The altar flowers will also be given by Nancy Martin in honor of Helen Craig, one of our "Treasured Ones".

Altar Flower Calendar

Please remember to call June Jones to reserve the date you would like to give altar flowers so your name and date can be added to the *Altar Flower Calendar*.

CROSSES FOR LENT



Crosses of Honor or Remembrance may be turned in to the office to be placed in the sanctuary through Easter. They will then be hung in the Family Life Center.

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<p>Sunday, February 26 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>THE REVEREND RICK TATE</p> <p>SERMON: <i>When the Kingdom of God Has Come Near</i></p> <p>SCRIPTURE: Mark 1:9-15</p>	<p><i>Our Fruitfulness</i></p> <p>Offering (2-19) \$ 1,908</p> <p><i>Our Faithfulness</i></p> <p>Worship 87</p> <p>Sunday School 46</p>
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Sunday, February 26

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Mundo de Fe 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 27

T'ai Chi (Fairwood) 12:00 noon
Wolves 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 28

T'ai Chi (Pollard) 12:30 p.m.
Visitation 2:00 p.m.
Troop 589 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 29

T'ai Chi (F) 12:00 noon
Choir 6:00 p.m.
Webelos 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

T'ai Chi (Pollard) 12:30 p.m.
Maj Jongg 12:30 p.m.
Moon-Shine 1:30 p.m.
Disciple Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Mundo de Fe 6:30 p.m.
Tigers 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 2

World Day of Prayer
Chatterboxes Reunion Group 12:30 p.m.
Food, Glorious Food (China King) 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 3

Rambling Roses Square Dancers 5:00 p.m.