



FROM THE PASTOR

Just as the Advent season precedes Christmas, so the Lenten season leads us up to the celebration we call Easter. As both those seasons stretch out over several weeks, they tell us that what is coming is well worth waiting for! Advent says the long-awaited Messiah is on His way; Lent says the long-suffering Lord is on His way to Jerusalem. Christmas celebrates His arrival from heaven; Easter celebrates His return from the dead. Christmas says to us, "Do not fear; your King is here." Easter tells us, "Do not fear death; your King is victorious."

As we make our way through Lent toward Easter, I hope each of you are finding victories, large or small. I've heard several of you mention that Ash Wednesday began a time of renewed

determination to follow the Lord more closely. Some of you have successfully put away temptations or things that have drawn your energies and focus away from the Lord. Others have vowed to take on new habits, new practices, with the intent of coming closer to Christ. Whatever Lenten discipline you choose, may it be a time when you look at where you were and where you are. May your Easter celebration be the day when you look at where the Lord was and where He is.



These past few weeks have been, at times, bittersweet. Anytime you say goodbye to one you love and care for, it is difficult. After nearly two years of faithful service here at Brandenburg United Methodist Church, Rev. Russell East returns to his home and home church in Louisville. I am truly grateful for his coming alongside me in ministry shortly after the death of Rev. Wally Thomas in the early spring of 2009. The loss of Wally, just eight months after the re-appointment of Rev. Janet Carden elsewhere, presented our church with a real challenge, but Russell loves a challenge, and returned to the place he'd served so successfully as pastor from 1995 to 2002.

As he came aboard, so did Sandra Stone, as Director of Communications for the church. Russell worked in the areas of programming and administration, and he and Sandra shared both office space and ideas for two years. As Russell leaves us, Sandra will become our Director of Administration, expanding her previous duties, as well as taking on a number of Russell's former responsibilities. She has made such a positive contribution to our staff, and I'm excited to see her take on new challenges. Pray for Russell and Sandra as they enter into new areas of service to God.

- Bro. Jim

Holy Week SERVICES



April 21: Maundy Thursday
7:00 p.m. Communion Service

April 22: Good Friday
7:00 p.m. Shared service with
First Baptist Church at
First Baptist

April 24: Easter Sunday
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
8:45 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

APRIL COMMUNION OFFERING

Reid and Lola Buchanan

Bed Net Ministry

Our Communion Offering for April will go to supporting *the Rev. Reid and Lola Buchanan of the Mission Society*. Through their Bed Net Ministry, a part of the holistic approach of Community Health Evangelism (CHE), the Buchanans work to eradicate malaria by furnishing insecticide-treated bed nets and educating about their use.

Bed nets work by creating a protective barrier against deadly malaria carrying mosquitoes that bite at night. A family of four can sleep under an insecticide-treated bed net, safe from malaria, for four to five years. The benefits of bed nets extend even further than protecting those sleeping underneath them. The insecticide woven into each net makes entire communities safer – killing and repelling mosquitoes so they can't go on to bite others who may not be protected by a net.



Although \$3 for a bed net may not sound like much, the cost makes them out of reach for most people at risk of malaria, many of whom survive on less than \$1 a day. Nets are a simple, life-saving solution, but your help is needed to provide them to those in need.

The Communion Offering ties into World Malaria Day – April 25 – a day to commemorate global efforts to control malaria. The theme of the fourth World Malaria Day – Achieving Progress and Impact – heralds the international community's renewed efforts to assess progress toward zero malaria deaths by 2015.

As always, communion offerings may be made any time during the month, not just on Communion Sunday. To contribute to the Bed Net Ministry, simply specify "Bed Nets" on your memo line or envelope.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Kelly Holley and her family in the death of Kelly's mother, Joyce Foster, who died Friday, March 18, 2011, in Morgantown, Kentucky.

☞ We extend our deepest sympathy to Rick, Terry, Jerry and William Nelson and their families in the death of their uncle, Paul Nelson, who died March 23, in Louisville, Kentucky.

☞ We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of SSG McDaniel who was killed in combat March 20, 2011, in Afghanistan. He leaves a wife and son.

Three other Soldiers were wounded in that IED attack. Our prayers remain with them and their families.

ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT as of FEBRUARY 28, 2010

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP				
Feb. 6	164	8:45 a.m.	165	11:00 a.m.	145	Total 310
Feb. 13	181	8:45 a.m.	158	11:00 a.m.	142	Total 300
Feb. 20	180	8:45 a.m.	201	11:00 a.m.	128	Total 329
Feb. 27	180	8:45 a.m.	181	11:00 a.m.	120	Total 301

BUDGET FOR 2011:

	\$461,550.00
	(\$8,875.96 per week)
Budget income received as of February 28:	\$73,746.43
Budget income needed as of February 28:	\$76,920.00
Short of meeting Budget (YTD):	\$(3,173.57)

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:

ACTS	100.00
Building Fund	150.00
Children's Home	50.00
Coffee Sales	62.00
Communion Offering	22.00
Congregational Care	50.00
Half-Time	905.78
Memorial Garden Fund	25.00
Pink Link	1,076.00
Wesley Manor	617.00
Youth	435.00

Rick Nelson, Treasurer



Military News

– Mary Beth McQuary

Walk to Afghanistan. Congratulations everybody! We are off the coast of Sicily, in the Mediterranean Sea! The Youth are just tearing this project up and have helped us along in stellar fashion! They have decided that they will return to Kentucky via Hawaii, so they will be leaving us soon after we arrive in Afghanistan. Please remember to keep our deployed soldiers in your thoughts and prayers as you do your workouts again in April.

Prayer warriors. Is there anyone who does not have a prayer partner in Afghanistan and wants someone? If so, please call me at 536-3330. Your prayers are the most important thing you can do for these brave men and women.

Easter cards for soldiers. For our Easter shipment to soldiers, the children in Sunday school classes are preparing cards to mail. If you have a child who is currently not in a class, but you want to send a card, please have their cards to the church office by Tuesday, April 5.

Baby Shower for Kelly Capozzi. The date for the shower is Saturday, May 14, from 1-3 p.m. More details will be published in the May newsletter. Everyone is invited, so mark your calendars.

The soldiers are reading this newsletter. If you have a message you wish our soldiers to read next month, please forward to me or to Sandra Stone. We will try to have them in next month's newsletter. If you have a loved one in combat, please notify Rose in the office. I like to have a picture to place on the bulletin board and an address as soon as possible so we can include them in our mail outs. Email me at: mbmcquary@gmail.com.

Keep up the great work as we support our country's bravest men and women! Please see messages from 1SG Jason Sager and others included in this month's news.

From 1SG Jason Sager:

Peace and Blessings from halfway around the world. Many thanks for your prayers, thoughts, and the wonderful package. Although it was sent with my name on it, many Soldiers and even a few Afghan children benefited from the contents. All were and continue to be extremely grateful for all that you and other congregations are doing for deployed Soldiers. While I have deployed a few times, this is my first time in Afghanistan. After visiting some of the villages in this area, it is easier to imagine the living conditions experienced in the Bible stories I have been taught throughout my life. It definitely makes me thankful for the privileged life God has blessed me

with. My wife, Sheila, and I are so lucky to be part of the BUMC family. She tells me all the time that people are asking about me and continue to pray for my safe return. I couldn't be more thankful for all the support you show for Soldiers and their families. May the Lord also return those blessings to you and your families.

God Bless America
1SG Jason Sager
C TRP, 6-4 CAV
TF Raider, Camp Clark
APO AE 09314

From 1SG Kerry Crudup:

Packages? Wow!!! Thank you. I'm smiling as I type:) Please let everyone involved know how much we appreciate them as well as they do us.

Keep walking for us and let me know when everyone makes it. The Commander and I will send a Certificate of Achievement to the church for your support.

KERRY D. CRUDUP
1SG, USA
HHC 3-1 BCT (TF DUKE)
BASE OPS SGM
FOB SALERNO
APO NY 09314

From SFC Robert Parker:

Thank you for the prayers. Every bit of strength helps. Sounds like you guys can use some prayers too since you are doing the walk to Afghanistan. That's a long way to walk even if it's broken up into increments, and being a Soldier that knows a little bit about road marching. I will pray for you and your feet. Thank you for all your support. It means a lot to Soldiers. Especially since there are people in the country we fight for protesting the war at fallen service members' funerals. Once again thank you for your Prayers.

SFC Parker, Robert S.
BDE FSNCO
TF DUKE
(FiST)

From SGT Tracy Hill:

Nice to hear from you. I am so glad you enjoyed the memorial service. I was unable to attend due to a very busy mission day, but God is still on the throne and he is in control. I thank him for your church. Will speak with you soon. Tell the congregation God is doing great things for his people, hello and God bless all. Have a blessed day.

Victorious in Jesus,
SGT Tracy Hill
PSNCO
HQ 3IBCT
Ft. Knox, KY 40121

(SGT Hill is in the Personnel Service at Brigade Headquarters. We met her two years ago at the first Veterans dinner.)



**FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR**

Ahhhh... April. Spring break, warmer temps and green grass. After a long, cold winter, I can't tell you how much I've been looking forward to spring. It also means we're one month closer to summer and that things are about to get very busy for our BUMC youth.

Easter Egg Hunt! Don't let this one slip up on you. Remember, it's the Sunday BEFORE Easter this year! Look for more information in the bulletin but the date is April 17!

On Easter Sunday, April 24, our youth will lead a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. We'll meet on the hill, behind the church, next to the cemetery. The plan for this service is to start the day off with about 30 minutes of worship. We'll sing our praises to the risen King and have a short devotion. Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the East Family Life Center by the Brothers In Christ. Please plan to join us and jump start your Easter morning!

Prayer Partners needed! I'm looking for adult church members to sign up to be prayer partners for our youth and chaperones attending MFuge this summer. I would like to have enough to assign one adult to each person. As a prayer partner, you will pray for and offer encouragement to your student/chaperone. You will be encouraged to send cards, letters and small gifts during the time leading up to MFuge. Your identity will be kept secret from your partner until our send off service on Sunday, June 26. This is a great way to get to know our students for those of you who do not have a child or grandchild in our program. You'll hear more about this in the next few weeks, but please let me know if you have an interest in participating!

YAC 2 is coming in May! YAC (Young Adult Chrysalis) is scheduled for May 21-23 and is open to unmarried young men and women ages 18-25. If you know of a college student or recent college graduate who would benefit from a weekend like this, please let me know! Applications are currently being accepted.

Youth T-shirt Clearance Sale! Have you dreamed of wearing one of those cool youth t-shirts you've seen our students wear? Here's your chance! I have extra t-shirts laying around from retreats and even several of the black "BUMC" shirts that I need to get rid of. Before I haul them off to the Clothes Closet, I thought I'd give you guys the opportunity to improve your wardrobes. Shirts will be sold for \$5 with all proceeds going toward our MFuge trip this summer. Sizes and styles are limited, so make sure you get yours early!

Wanted! The biggest need I have as youth director is making sure we have enough chaperones and transportation for our events and trips. We've truly been blessed by the number of people who have volunteered to help in the past, but there's always room for more folks on my list. The more volunteers I have, the more I can spread things out and avoid "burning out" people. I'm also looking for a smaller enclosed trailer to use this summer on our MFuge trip. This is a huge help to us when we can throw all our luggage in a trailer and not have to pack stuff in vehicles around our students. If you have one or know someone who does and you think they would be willing to let us use it for a week this summer, please let me know.

I know I say this each month, but I can't tell you how much I appreciate the love and support our students receive from their church family. Thank you for helping me provide a solid foundation of faith for our young people!

**Barrett Howard
AKA Bar-Bar**

Clark Bars

– Karen Ilario



1 box Graham cracker crumbs
2-1/3 powdered sugar
18 ounces peanut butter
1 cup butter, melted
Mix together and press into 11x17 ungreased pan.

Icing

12 ounces chocolate chips
1 can Eagle Brand sweetened condensed milk
Melt together and spread over crust.
Chill and cut into squares.



Madeline Anne Goins,
daughter of
Jody and Valerie Goins,
was baptized
Sunday, March 20, 2011.

EASTER

a Time to Rejoice

We are pleased to welcome Tanner and Karen Spry to our church family. They joined Sunday, March 27, 2011, by transfer of membership from Independent Presbyterian Church, Savannah, Ga.



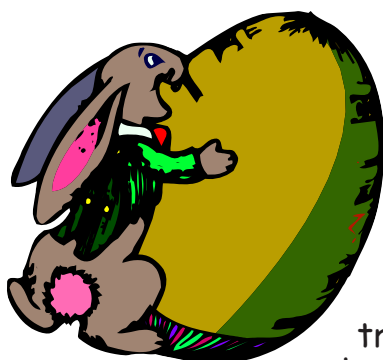
Tanner is a Major in the U.S. Army. Karen is a homemaker. They live in Brandenburg at 310 Catbird Road.

Our church family grew by one more just two days later.



Caroline Eloise Spry was born March 29, 2011, to Tanner and Karen Spry. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 ozs. and was 20 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Wyatt.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 17



Our annual Easter Egg Hunt for children through 6th-grade will be held on Palm Sunday, April 17, at 10 a.m. Children's Ministries is sponsoring the hunt this year,

and they request your assistance in providing donations of individually wrapped candy and small prizes.

A donation box is in the atrium for these items. Please bring in your donations by Sunday, April 10, so the eggs can be stuffed on Wednesday, April 13.

Easter Lilies

On Easter Sunday we decorate our Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies. If you would like to place an Easter lily in the Sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one or a friend for Easter Sunday, please call the church office at 422-2810 by Wednesday, April 20, so the names can be listed in the bulletin Easter Sunday. You will need to make arrangements with your individual florist for the delivery of the flower(s) to the church. They should be delivered either Good Friday afternoon (April 22) or early Holy Saturday (April 23).

Please remember to pick up your lily following the 11 a.m. worship service Easter Sunday. If you do not pick up your lily by Sunday, May 1, it will be planted in the Prayer Garden.

Holy Week Services

† **Maundy Thursday** will be observed with a communion service April 21, at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

† **Good Friday** will be observed April 22 at 7 p.m. with a shared service with First Baptist Church at First Baptist.

† **Easter Sunday** – The resurrection of our Lord will be celebrated Sunday, April 24, with a Sunrise Service led by the youth at 7:30 a.m. and our regular worship services at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.

Please join us for these very special services.

† Instead of a pancake breakfast this year, the Brothers in Christ group which meets Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. will prepare a special coffee and chat to be served in the East Family Life from 9:30-11 a.m. on Easter Sunday. Light refreshments will also be served immediately following the sunrise service.

SERVING OUR CHURCH IN APRIL

8:45 AM SERVICE

Ushers: Amy Hamilton, Ronnie Joyner, Gwen & Jason Gallimore

Greeters: Narthex - Sandy Howard

Parish Hall- Amy Bogard

Atrium - Scott Bogard

Information Table: FloJoyner

Communion Servers: Ruth Ackerman, Donna Funk

Michele & Eli Dix

APRIL 3: Children's Moment: John Turner

Cherub Church: No Cherub Church

Nursery: Linda Dodson, Lesley Wilson, Rachel Harreld

APRIL 10: Children's Moment: Bill Adams

Cherub Church: Sandy Love, Olivia Honaker

Nursery: Jennifer Honaker, Chris Love, Cassidy Adams

APRIL 17: Children's Moment: Sandy Howard

Cherub Church: Kasi Cannady, Emma Wilson

Nursery: Angie & Kristina Phillips, Michelle Hobbs

APRIL 24: Children's Moment: T. Parker

Cherub Church: Katie Wilson, TBA

Nursery: Stephanie Crosier, Sandy Dupin, Maggie Wilson

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Nursery Volunteers

April 3: Beth Greer, Pat Cates

April 10: Beth Greer, Jennifer Honaker

April 17: Beth Greer, Kelly Nelson

April 24: Beth Greer, Chris Wilson

11:00 a.m. SERVICE

Tellers: Tammy Cole, Don Dodson

Ushers: Don Martin (Head Usher), Sharon Martin,

Bruno Ilario, Kelly Nelson, Jimmy Wilson

Greeters: Narthex - Tom Moore

Parish Hall - Sharon Martin

Atrium -10:00 a.m. - Simone Davisson

11:00 a.m. - Don Martin

Information Table: Robyn Proctor

Communion Servers: Ara & Al Lawrence,

Robyn Proctor, Chester Davisson

April 3: Children's Moment: Linda Dodson

Nursery: Beth Greer, Pam Hamilton

April 10: Children's Moment: Lesley Wilson

Nursery: Beth Greer, Kim Robinson, Jennifer Saylor

April 17: Children's Moment: Alison Howard

Nursery: Beth Greer, Kelly Nelson

April 24: Children's Moment: Jon Miller

Nursery: Beth Greer, Stephanie Stone

Unless otherwise noted, children ages 3 through Kindergarten may go to Cherub Church after Children's Moment.

**APRIL EVANGELISM AND
CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests

Jackie Bruington & Beverly Morrison

Medco and Beehive Visitation

Sheila Sager

Shut-in Food Preparation

Week 1 - Jessie Moore

Week 2 - Martin Bosemer, Marion Redstone

Week 3 - Karen Ilario

Week 4 - Jody Young

Shut-in Food Delivery

Week 1 - Jessie & Tom Moore, Phyllis Melton

Week 2 - Ron & Martha Pile, Phyllis Melton

Week 3 - Karen Ilario, Phyllis Melton

Week 4 - Ed Cates, John Bruington, Phyllis Melton

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please make arrangements, when possible, to switch days with another member.

**Mark your calendars:
90 Minutes in Heaven author
Cecil Murphey to speak June 26**

Most of us have heard of the book *90 Minutes in Heaven*, but few of us have met the award-winning co-author of the book, Cecil Murphey. You will have the opportunity to do this on June 26. Cecil will be preaching at both of our morning services that day.

Cecil Murphey has authored more than 100 books, and has co-authored many more. *90 Minutes in Heaven*, which Cecil co-authored with Don Piper, has sold over three million copies. It has been on the *New York Times* bestseller list since 2006. Prior to his career as a full-time writer and speaker, Cecil was a pastor, hospital chaplain, and missionary to Kenya.

Cecil will be the keynote speaker at the 15th annual Kentucky Christian Writers Conference on June 24-25 at College Heights United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown. For more information about Cecil or the Writers Conference, pick up a flyer on the table outside the church office. More information will be forthcoming in the months ahead

APRIL CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

*For church contact and number, see below

Sunday, April 3, 10, 17

- 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00 p.m. Brothers in Christ
- 6:00 p.m. UMYF
- 7:00 p.m. Interpretive Movement

Sunday, April 24 - Easter Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
- 8:00 a.m. Light refreshments following Sunrise Service, FLC
- 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Special Coffee and Chat, FLC
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service

Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (various homes)

Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26

- 6:45 a.m. Brothers in Christ (McDonalds)
- 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 13, 20, 27

- 6:30 p.m. Youth
- 6:45 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- Brothers in Christ

Thursday, April 7, 14, 21, 28

- 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ

Saturday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

- 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ (Stone Law Office)

New Events:

Monday, April 4

- 12 p.m. Ministerial Association Luncheon/Meeting
- 6 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
- 7:15 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150 Committee D.A.R.
- 7:30 p.m. D.A.R.

Thursday, April 7

- 6 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Sunday, April 10

- 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

Saturday, April 16

- 8:00 a.m. Church Cleanup Day

Sunday, April 17 - Palm Sunday

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. VA Officer

Thursday, April 21 - Maundy Thursday

- 1:00 p.m. NARFE
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Service at BUMC

Tuesday, April 26

- 1:30 p.m. UMW
- 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory
- 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150

Wednesday, April 27

- 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Thursday, April 28

- 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Friday, April 29

- 2:30 p.m. Pictorial Directory

Saturday, April 30

- 10:00 a.m. Pictorial Directory

There will be a **church cleanup day on Saturday, April 16**, beginning at 8 a.m. Come help us spruce up the church before Easter. Bring tools if you have them. Contact trustee chair Monty Hobbs for more information.



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Donations sought for bench in honor of Ivy Hawkins

The Committee to Improve Buttermilk Falls Trail is raising money to buy a bench to honor Ivy B. Hawkins. The \$1,300 bench will be made with the word IVY cut into the steel slats of the back.

Donations of any amount are welcome. Checks should be made out to Meade County Tourism with the words "IVY Bench" on the memo line. Donations can be mailed to: Meade County Tourism, P.O. Box 483, Brandenburg, KY 40108 or dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce Office at 79 Broadway in Brandenburg. Please put cash donations in an envelope marked "IVY Bench." You may also give your donations to Donna Reed (422-4837) who will then deliver them to the Chamber office.

For more information, e-mail ivybench@gmail.com.



On Tuesday, April 26, **the United Methodist Women** will meet at the church at 1:30 p.m. Anita Kuvin, Vice President of Wesley Manor Retirement Community, will present the program. Kay Thomas will be the hostess.

THE STEEPLE BELL

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(1) Stacey Allen (2) Alana Bonney, Hayden Goldsmith (4) Betsy Bruington (6) Katherine Blackburn (7) Lois Hermeier (8) Bryan Honaker (9) Amy Haynes, Emma Howard, Chris Stone, Sandra Stone, Thomas Wilson (10) Joseph King, Donna Reed (11) Jeremy Nevitt (13) Angela Phillips (15) Matthew Wilson (16) Ron Pile (17) Chloe Kerrick, Charlie Saylor (18) Ruth Roberts, Melinda Stickle (19) Lindsay Roberts, Kay Thomas (20) Catalina Bohannon, Whitney Hobbs, Yvonne Keeling, Brock Wilson (22) Erica Padgett, Matthew Woolfolk (23) Jesse Dupin (24) Taylor Parker (25) Melissa Wiltshire (26) Collyn Bradley, Peyton Sipes, Allen Thompson (27) Ron Barger, Paula Harrop, Whitney King, John Turner (29) Sam Bass, Kevin Hamilton, Jessica Hornsby (30) Ronnie Joyner, Lisa Murphy, Emily Roberts, Samantha Slinger, April Yates

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