



## FROM THE PASTOR

In the first centuries of the Church, there was widespread persecution of Christians, and the possibility that one would become a martyr for Christ was a real possibility. But those early Christian disciples were more than happy to die for their faith, and many did...enough that later historians have remarked that the roots of the early Church was watered by the blood of the martyrs.

After Christianity became legal at the conversion of later Roman Emperor Constantine, martyrdom became a much less prevalent way to glorify God. Many disciples still desired to offer up their lives, feeling that the faith had become too easy. Led by the early Desert Fathers, asceticism was substituted for martyrdom. Followers of Christ sought to shed sweat instead of blood, engaging in all sorts of austere physical and spiritual rigors. All this

## *Second Chance*

My *Second Chance* at the Brandenburg United Methodist Church is drawing to an end. My time with the church began on April 20, 2009, and will end on March 30, 2010. I was honored and thrilled to be invited to come back to a church where I spent the longest time under appointment of the Bishop.

The seven years Marlene and I lived in Brandenburg were wonderful. This second tenure with you has been wonderful as well. I hope that my work with you has been helpful to the church and its various ministries.

**March 2011**

was an effort to get back to an authentic faith that cost something, to once again pick up one's cross on behalf of Christ.

There is some of this involved in the coming of Lent. The Lenten season is a time of preparation leading up to Easter that has traditionally involved self-examination, penance, denial and sacrifice. It expresses a desire to draw near to Christ in His suffering, to mirror more closely His own sacrifice by willingly offering up to God things upon which we place earthly value, things that somehow hinder our desire for a deepening relationship with Christ.

It begins with Ash Wednesday, which we will celebrate in our church the evening of March 9, and runs the next 40 days leading up to Easter, excluding the Sundays contained therein.

Let me encourage you to search your life diligently to see what you might offer up to the Lord in order to foster Christ-likeness in your soul. If not our lives, if not martyrdom, what then shall we offer up for the sake of Christ?

**- Bro. Jim**

I feel the time has come when someone else needs to carry out the ministry that was under my care. Please be in prayer for the Staff/Parish Relations Committee as they begin a search for someone to fill my position. I know God will lead the church and an individual to come together to fill this position.

I have enjoyed working with our pastor, Bro. Jim Robinson, and the rest of the staff and members. Brandenburg UMC will always have a special place in my heart.

*Russell East*  
*Director of Programming,*  
*(Retiring)*

# MARCH COMMUNION OFFERING



Our Communion offering on Sunday, March 6, will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) *“One Great Hour of Sharing.”*

Serving on mass-response and individual levels, UMCOR is ready to reach out immediately whenever and wherever God’s people are in need. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering allows UMCOR to respond rapidly to disasters such as devastating cyclones, earth-

quakes, floods, hurricanes and typhoons, war and civil strife and outbreaks of disease.

Your offering offers hope through prayers, physical help and financial support. It also works in many ways to assist people who strive to feed and support themselves and their families, to learn new skills, to obtain better health care and to survive and to work toward a fuller life.

Please do your part by giving generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. Now, more than ever, the world needs you. Thank you.

## ***UMCOR. Be There. Be Hope.***

*UMCOR’s mission is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict, or natural disaster—with open minds and hearts to all people.*

## **UNITED METHODIST MOUNTAIN MISSION** *Pick up March 23*

The United Methodist Mountain Mission will pick up at our church Wednesday, March 23. Please bring your items in beginning the afternoon of Sunday, March 20. Leave items in the hall by the nursery.

Urgent needs at this time include children’s winter and summer clothing and shoes, men’s winter and summer clothing and shoes, women’s shoes, financial donations to help with truck costs, and of course, all of the other wonderful good and usable items you donate to the Mission. Needed items for the Mission Plant include paper towels, bleach and safety pins.

The folks at Mountain Mission have found that the best boxes in which to stock clothing in their warehouse are banana, egg and tomato boxes. The boxes stack flat and evenly, and if possible, they would love to have the clothing you send packed in these boxes (or just send the boxes). Of course, we will continue to receive donations in bags and other boxes.

## **ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT** **as of JANUARY 31, 2010**

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP				
Jan. 2	162	8:45 a.m.	244	11:00 a.m.	208	Total 452
Jan. 9	154	8:45 a.m.	185	11:00 a.m.	166	Total 351
Jan. 16	133	8:45 a.m.	157	11:00 a.m.	136	Total 293
Jan 23	172	8:45 a.m.	116	11:00 a.m.	95	Total 211
Jan. 30	181	8:45 a.m.	149	11:00 a.m.	134	Total 283

<b>BUDGET FOR 2011:</b>	<b>\$461,550.00</b>
	(\$8,875.96 per week)
Budget income received as of January 31:	\$41676.47
Budget income needed as of January 31:	\$38,460.00
Exceeding Budget (YTD):	\$3,216.47

<b>DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:</b>	
Bereavement Fund	265.00
Building Fund	150.00
Children’s Home	700.21
Communion Offering	32.00
Half-Time	529.00
Memorial Garden Fund	25.00
Mission Fund	450.00
Patrick Henry Hughes Love Offering	495.00
Pink Link	500.00
Upward Basketball	67.00

**Rick Nelson, Treasurer**



# Military News

– Mary Beth McQuary

**Walking to Afghanistan.** We have made it past Bermuda! Keep up the good work! I still have team names left, so join us if you are not already on a team! The purpose of this activity is to think/meditate/pray for our soldiers in Afghanistan during workouts. Sharon Martin has volunteered to help with this endeavor this year! Every physical activity counts, so please join us. It is over 7,000 miles to Afghanistan from Kentucky!

**Soldier care packages.** Thanks to everyone who donated items for the care packages and to Kay Thomas, Sharon Martin, Stephanie Sheets and Martha Claycomb for helping put the boxes together. We mailed 12 boxes! We will be doing this again in April for Easter. More about that in next month's newsletter. If you adopted one of the soldiers from LT Capozzi's platoon, please know that we sent a package to LT Capozzi. He will receive enough to share a little! We included letters to his platoon from everyone who sent in letters. Please consider mailing your soldier a card, letter or package if you haven't done so already. Include a devotional book or newsletter/bulletin from the church if you wish. I have posted some additional suggestions on the bulletin board as well. Soon we will not be able to send chocolate because it will be getting too warm there. These soldiers want to hear from you!

Please read the letter that follows from SSG Wallace who is currently serving in Afghanistan. I need volunteers to be prayer warriors for her or for a few more soldiers who need someone. If you are reading this and do not have a prayer partner this year, please give me a call. (The fifth call I receive before March 7 will receive a special prize, so please call! My number is 536-3330.) Or you can email me at: mbmcquary@gmail.com.

**Letter from SSG Ronelle B. Wallace:**

Thanks for keeping us in your prayers while we are over here. I am anxious to see who's going to win the walking to Afghanistan. The days are flying by over here and before we know it we will be back in the states. Although the weather over here is warmer than at Knox right now. We are about to enter the rainy season, so we have the occasional early morning rain showers but it's gone before pt. Isn't it always that way? It's pouring and then pt time, it goes away.

I did not get the chance to request a prayer partner from you, but I would love for one of the women I met at

the women's prayer luncheon to be my partner. I had so much fun with them. I was so happy that I was not lazy that day and got up and came over. It was so easy talking to them and I could not stop laughing. Our difference in age did not matter that day because in that hour I spent with them it was as if I was with some of my own girlfriends. Plus I liked the fact that the men served us. That was pretty neat.

I felt so welcomed that day and I think I said thanks, but I just wanted to say it again.

Well I need to get back to work – it is 9 am here , and it's almost midnight for you, so good night and God bless.

SINCERELY,  
SSG Ronelle B. Wallace  
HHC 3-1 Supply NCOIC  
FOB Salerno Bldg 1452 Rm A (N)  
APO AE 09314

**Letter from Kerry D. Crudup:**

Mrs. McQuary,

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers. Slowly but surely we will make a difference here. Hopefully we can plan another function upon our redeployment.

Keep us in your prayers and we will be praying for you all as well.

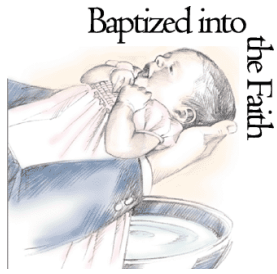
Thanks again.

KERRY D. CRUDUP  
1SG, USA  
HHC 3-1 BCT (TF DUKE)  
BASE OPS SGM  
FOB SALERNO  
SIPR 851-1260  
NIPR 851-5227

**A note from Tony Capozzi from Afghanistan:**

We've got a lot of projects lined up to help the people... retaining walls for their crops, wells for their drinking water, and most of all a school for their children. We're working on getting more ANA OPs set up so that they can be safer and more ANP fight the crime. People here are really focused when it comes to their faith. They pray 5 times a day to a point where it actually hinders some of our missions. This country has only ever known death, destruction and turmoil. The best place to be is with God and that's how they live from day to day, through Him.





*Jillian Mae Pickering*,  
daughter of  
Chad and Dana Pickering,  
was baptized  
Sunday, February 27, 2011.



# Children's Ministries

- Amber Plemmons

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming dates for the Children's Ministry at Brandenburg United Methodist Church. (Please note: dates are subject to change.)



Congratulations to Sam and Jenni (Wardrip) Morrison on the birth of their son, Colton Thomas Morrison, on February 2, 2011. Colton weighed 8 lbs., 4.6 ozs. and was 21 inches long.

Jim and Beverly Morrison are Colton's proud grandparents.

**Easter Egg Hunt** – April 17 (during the first 20 minutes of Sunday School)

**Spring Fling** – Sunday, May 22, at noon

**Vacation Bible School** – June 20-24

**Back to School Pool Party** – July 31

Coming Soon! T-shirts supporting the BUMC Children's Ministry will so be available for purchase. T-shirt design and prices will be available soon!

If you have any interest in becoming a part of the Children's Ministry team or helping in any way, please feel free to contact Amber Plemmons.



Congratulations to Hayden and Chilanna Goldsmith on the birth of their daughter, Aimee Nicole, who was born February 23, 2011. Aimee weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs.

Mary Goldsmith is Aimee's proud grandmother.

## Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 17

### From the Trustees:

► 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.

► Thermostats throughout the church have been programmed to ensure proper heating and cooling for each area, and those programs have been locked in. Please see Doug Stone if there is an issue with any thermostat.



Individually-wrapped candy is needed to stuff the plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Please place your donations in the bowl outside Rose's office.

**Donations are needed no later than Sunday, April 10.**

**SERVING OUR CHURCH IN MARCH**

**8:45 AM SERVICE**

**Ushers:** Bryan Claycomb, Marvin Fackler, Eli & Michele Dix

**Greeters:** Narthex - Ruth Ackerman  
Parish Hall- Mary Beth McQuary  
Atrium - Tom McQuary

**Information Table:** Shirley Aebersold  
**Communion Servers:** Amy & Scott Bogard  
Ed & Pat Cates

**MARCH 6: Children's Moment:** T. Parker  
**Cherub Church:** Ilene & Megan Aebersold  
**Nursery:** Linda Dodson, Lesley Wilson, Rachel Harreld  
**MARCH 13: Children's Moment:** Eli Dix  
**Cherub Church:** Kasi Cannady, Olivia Honaker  
**Nursery:** Jennifer Honaker, Susan Plemmons, Michelle Hobbs  
**MARCH 20: Children's Moment:** Levi Hamilton  
**Cherub Church:** Rusty & Cassie Padgett, Sarah Greer  
**Nursery:** Angie & Kristina Phillips, Mary Plemmons  
**MARCH 27: Children's Moment:** Sandy Howard  
**Cherub Church:** Sandy & Colby Dupin  
**Nursery:** Stephanie Crosier, Gwen Gallimore, Cassidy Adams

**9:45 a.m. Sunday School Nursery Volunteers**

**March 6:** Beth Greer, Randall Bradley  
**March 13:** Beth Greer, Jennifer Honaker  
**March 20:** Beth Greer, Val Goins  
**March 27:** Beth Greer, Chris Wilson

**11:00 a.m. SERVICE**

**Tellers:** Mary Lee Ernst, Sheila Smith  
**Ushers:** Ron Barger (Head Usher), Sue Mitcham,  
Don & Sharon Martin, Bub Warren  
**Greeters:** Narthex - Virgie Taylor  
Parish Hall - Karen Ilario  
Atrium - 10:00 a.m. - Joan Wilson  
11:00 a.m. - Bruno Ilario  
**Information Table:** Al Lawrence  
**Communion Servers:** Chester Davison, Robyn Proctor  
Linda & Don Dodson

**March 6: Children's Moment:** Russell East  
**Nursery:** Beth Greer, Jennifer Miller  
**March 13: Children's Moment:** Jon Miller  
**Nursery:** Beth Greer, Amy Bogard, Jennifer Saylor  
**March 20: Children's Moment:** Lesley Wilson  
**Nursery:** Beth Greer, Val Goins, Kim Robinson  
**March 27: Children's Moment:** Linda Dodson  
**Nursery:** Beth Greer, Stephanie Stone

There is no Cherub Church during the 11 a.m. worship service. Children ages 3 through Kindergarten are welcome to go to the nursery after Children's Moment.

**MARCH EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests**  
Flo & Ronnie Joyner  
**Medco and Beehive Visitation**  
Isabel Wilson  
**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.

**CLOTHES CLOSET SCHEDULE**

	<b>9:00-11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>1:00-2:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Martha Pile	Jody Young
<b>March 28</b>	Pat Carlson	Jody Milliman
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jessie Moore	Christine Ramsey
<b>March 29</b>	Beverly Furnival	Judy Austin
<b>Wednesday</b>	Betty Shilling	Virgie Taylor
<b>March 30</b>	Mary Plemmons	Phyllis Melton
<b>Thursday</b>	Doris Mangin	Mary Plemmons
<b>March 31</b>	Lois Hawksworth	Isabel Wilson
<b>Saturday</b>	Volunteers Needed	
<b>April 2</b>		

***If you cannot work at the scheduled time, please call other volunteers to find a replacement. The Clothes Closet staff counts on our support.***



We extend our deepest sympathy to Russell and Marlene East at the loss of Russell's sister, Karen Holshouser. Karen passed away February 25, 2011.

# MARCH CALENDAR

**Regular Weekly Events:**

\*For church contact and number, see below

**Sunday, March 6, 13, 20, 27**

- 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

**Monday, March 7**

- 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball practice

**Monday, March 7, 14, 21, 28**

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

**Tuesday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

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

**Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

- 5:45 p.m. Halftime Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Studies & Groups, Preschool Choir, Boys' and Girls' Bible Studies, Youth, Sisters/Brothers in Christ
- 6:45 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)
- 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, March 3, 10**

- 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball practice

**Thursday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

- 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- 6:30 p.m. BUMC at Meade County Detention Center

**Saturday, March 5, 12**

- 9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball Games

**Saturday, March 5, 12, 19, 26**

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

**New Events:**

**Monday, March 7**

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

**Thursday, March 10**

- 6 p.m. Trustee Meeting

**Friday, March 11-Sunday, March 13**

- Youth Retreat at Camp Loucon

**Sunday, March 13**

- 8:45, 11 a.m. Upward Sunday
- 4:00 p.m. Upward Awards Ceremony at Meade County High School
- 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings
- 6:00 p.m. Church Council

**Tuesday, March 15**

- 8:30 a.m. VA Officer

**Thursday, March 17**

- 1:00 p.m. NARFE

**Tuesday, March 22**

- 1:30 p.m. UMW

**Wednesday, March 23**

- 6:30 a.m. Mountain Mission Pickup

**Tuesday, March 29**

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

**Thursday, March 31**

- 7:00 p.m. Josh Wortham Concert BUMC Sanctuary

**Make your reservations now for  
Directory Photos to be taken  
April 26-30.**

**Reserve your time online  
or during Sunday Signups  
March 6 and March 20.**



Thank you for thinking of us in such a special way.

*Gloria & Donald Dix*

Thank you again for allowing us to use your church for our family meal.

*The Family of  
William H. Reesor*

**Halftime Menus**

(subject to change)

**March 2**

- Bean soup, corn dogs, coleslaw and cookies by Redstone

**March 9**

- Bacon, lettuce & tomato sandwiches, potato soup, tossed salad, chocolate éclairs

**March 16**

- Chicken Las Vegas, steamed broccoli, mashed potatoes, pineapple upside down cake

**March 23**

- Oven beef stew, biscuits, baked applesauce and cookies

**March 30**

- Pork loin, hash brown casserole, baked beans, cooked apples, sheet cake

# THE STEEPLE BELL

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SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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PARSONAGE: (270) 422-2833



(1) Michael Hurst (2) Justin Barley, Jessie Moore, Greg Otis (3) Dave Dailey, William Flynn (4) Shea Gossett, Michelle Morris (5) Robert Buckley, Thomas Grant, Malerie Haynes, Doug Martin, Savanna Tucker, Mack Wilson (6) Lesley Wilson (7) Jason Gallimore, Al Lawrence, Rachel Nelson (8) Jeff Greer (9) Andy King, (10) Lisa Emert (11) Cooper Crump, Olivia Honaker (12) Gene Fuller, Earl Murphy, Duncan Reed, Joy Trotter, Rich Tucker (13) Theresa Cook, Shawna Hickok, Lawson King, Rebecca Miller, Ben Wilson (14) Shane Burnfin, Bob Wilson (15) Justin Damron, John Hamilton, Kristina Phillips, Ben Roberts (16) Stephenie Allivand, Nicki Banks, Larry Mangin (17) Angela Brock, Jonathan Bruington, Kimberly Buckley, Kristin Dossett, Kasey Tobin, Jennifer Webb (18) Juliana Dobbs, Ethan Medley (19) Mimi Honaker (20) Linda Bailey, Laura Ledford, Daniel McQuary (21) Sam Redman (22) Terri Davis, Olivia Erskine, Lillie King (23) Joyce Mann, Sam Morrison (24) Allen Applegate, Jeff Doane, Morris Futrell, Rebecca Shacklette, Angela Waddle (25) Kenneth Early (26) Ilene Aebersold, Brad Jones, Thomas Saylor, Linda Tanguay (28) Charles Alexander, Sharon Haynes, Amelia Stull (29) Andre Hannah, Ben King, Toye Murphy (31) Gary Grant, Amelia Hamilton, Michael Smith

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