



FROM THE PASTOR

The U.S. Civil War officially ended on April 9, 1865, when Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Court House in Virginia. Lee and his troops had fought a good fight, but in the end, it wasn't enough. The two old warriors faced each other in the McLean house and negotiated terms of surrender and peace. Afterwards, as Lee rode away from the house, Grant's officers booed and jeered at him. Grant ordered them to cease immediately, demanding they pay the defeated general the respect he deserved.

We can learn much from Christ's prayer of submission in dark Gethsemane. In that prayer, Jesus openly stated His desire to live and continue His earthly ministry (Mark 14:35-36). He wanted to keep up the good fight, to continue preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, challenging and confronting. Nevertheless, He prayed the Heavenly Father's plan would take precedence over His own – in short, a surrender. But shortly after His surrender, as His enemies were torturing and

accusing Him, He reminded them they had no power over Him unless His Father allowed it (John 19:11), and soon they would see Him seated at God's right hand (Matthew 26:64).

Surrender is a hard concept for most of us to swallow. We cringe to think of our nation ever surrendering to a foreign power. We choke on the idea of surrendering our possessions under duress. And we certainly find it difficult to surrender the plans we've made for our lives into the hands of a God who desires our submission. I can recall times in past worship services when I clearly felt the Lord leading me to step out, walk up the aisle, and kneel in prayer at the altar. Many times my response was to tightly clench the pew in front of me, fighting the good fight, resisting with all my might the call to surrender and draw near to Him. I was afraid, I suppose, that those around me might ridicule my weakness, laugh at my brokenness, or whisper to each other about various scandals obviously overtaking my life. Interestingly enough, when I recall the times I did find courage enough to surrender and step out, I discovered my peers were either rejoicing to see me approach God, or more likely, wishing they had the courage to do the same.

– Bro. Jim

Hamilton Scramble for Missions Saturday, June 4

Mark your calendars now for the annual Hamilton Scramble for Missions to be played Saturday, June 4, at Doe Valley, with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The entry fee for those who sign up before May 20 is \$45. This fee includes golf, cart, trophies, cash and prizes (including a \$10,000 hole-in-one), and a BBQ lunch served at Brandenburg United Methodist Church after the scramble. The entry fee is \$50 for those who sign up after May 20. Deadline to register is June 1.

Proceeds from this scramble benefit Brandenburg United Methodist Church Volunteers in Mission (VIM) projects. In 2011, the mission team is planning return trip to Honduras

on Medical Mission. The mission team also supports missions and disaster relief around the world, participates in local and national missions and helps provide safe drinking through their support of New Life International.



Sponsorship opportunities for the Hamilton Scramble for Missions include hole sponsorships, hole-in-one sponsorships and donations of cash or items for raffle prizes and prizes for skill.

To sponsor the Hamilton Scramble for Missions and/or to play, please call Charlotte Shepard at 270-863-2541.

We Need You!

There is a great need for members and friends to serve in the following areas of ministry:

- ✝ Communion servers for 11 a.m. service
- ✝ Ushers for 11 a.m. service
- ✝ Individuals to deliver meals and visit with shut-ins one Thursday a month for two months out of the year

Contact Sandra Stone at 422-2810
or e-mail sandra.stone@bburgumc.org

if you would like to serve your church in this or any other way.

MAY COMMUNION OFFERING RUTH AND BRAD DUFFER

Our Communion Offering for May is designated for Ruth and Brad Duffer, sister of Richard and Mary Bauer. Ruth, Brad and their six children live in the capital city of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, working for the English Language Institute, supporting the local church and acting on behalf of the Father in a culture that seems hungry for His word. They continue to teach and share their hope with those who have not yet heard the good news. Because of the political situation in Mongolia any mention of Christianity is covert. Communicating with the Duffers by email or by letter has strict guidelines such as not being able to mention missionaries, evangelism or raising support. Any of their friends in Asia are not to be mentioned by name or as even interested in Christianity. It is understood that all correspondence can and is being viewed by someone other than the intended recipient. This is a challenging situation but Brad and Ruth speak of the country with an excited passion for living among these warm and open people and for witnessing the hope of this country's bright future. Please pray for their safety, for those whom they have come to know and love and for the future of a country that has touched our hearts through them.



We extend our deepest sympathy to Ryan Skaggs and his family in the death of Ryan's father, Johnnie Skaggs.

We extend our sympathy to Terri Davis in the death of her mother.



Men's Prayer Group Friends,

Thank you for your generous gift after Tommy's death. This was such a blessing during this difficult time. Thank you for your prayers and thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,
The Pophams
(Krista, Kimberly and Jacob)

Fifth Sunday Offering

Sunday, May 29, will be Fifth Sunday. Our special offering on this day will go to the United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. This offering is vital in supporting the ministry to abused, neglected and hurting children and youth. It enables us to help give hope to these children for a brighter future. Please give generously and help our Methodist Homes offer these children a chance to live in God's grace and abundant love.



Military News

– Mary Beth McQuary

Walk to Afghanistan: Congratulations to all who contributed miles to our “walk!” We have made it to Afghanistan! And, now we are on our way back home to Kentucky. Please continue to remember all the soldiers of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team. They have suffered the loss of four soldiers since January. We continue to ask for prayer for those wounded soldiers as well. Each Sunday, there is a list in the bulletin of deployed military who are family and friends of our church family. Please keep this list handy and continue to pray for these individuals and all of our military.

Memorial Day: During this month, we remember those who have given their lives in the service of our great nation. Please take a moment and also thank one of the over 60 veteran members of our congregation for their service. Perhaps you will also see and can say hello or thank you to an active duty service member at the airport, shopping center or the gas station.

Wanted: Prayer Warriors! There are still a couple of soldiers who want prayer warriors. Thirty-two soldiers have been adopted so far! Please let me know if you would like to have a soldier to pray for. If you have time to write a card or note, or send a package or two this year, this would be great! See me after or before church or give me a call.

Thanks to Stephanie Sheets and our Girl Scouts for the boxes of cookies donated for our soldiers!

Baby Shower: Kelly and Tony Capozzi have a new baby boy, Vinny. We are planning the shower for Saturday, May 14, from 1-3 pm at the church fellowship hall. Please join us. For more information, contact Amber Plemmons, Allison Howard or me. Please note the date of this shower may change, depending on how the Capozzi family is doing.

If you have added a family member or friend to our prayer list, I need his/her address so the church can send mailings periodically. Please call Rose with this information. I also need a picture for the bulletin board.

Veterans Day Dinner Party: There will be more information in upcoming newsletters about this event. For now, mark your calendars for 11-11-11. It is sure to be a great evening for honoring all veterans.

Notes from our military:

Hello. A few weeks ago you gave my fiancée some things to send me here in Iraq. Thank you for that. It was very nice to read the letters that came with the delicious cookies you sent. (These were the Easter cards from the children.) Thank you. I hope all is well for you in KY. My name is Kurtis Perkins, my fiancée is Samantha Smith, I live in Flaherty and I went to Meade County High School. I graduated in 2008. I am in Talarfar and I am having a great time. It is nice to know that people are thinking of us.

The weather hasn't been bad here in northern Iraq so we get the cooler weather compared to the other parts of the region. We have gotten a lot of rain and a sand storm here and there but it hasn't been bad.

Again I appreciate what you do for us, and thank you again for the wonderful package. Can't wait to get home. We will be there before we know it.

Kurtis Perkins

From the May 2011 Issue of the Valiant Warrior, 3rd Brigade Combat Team:

Fort Knox is geographically distant, but the support and care for our team seems close and constant. All of you, your families, and the communities in which we live have made that possible. On good days and tough days, the knowledge that hundreds, if not thousands, of people are looking after the Valiant Warriors in thought, prayer, and with care allows us to rest and recuperate every day. We are all proud to be here. We will be thrilled to come home and share the experience with you.

Thank you for all you are doing and enduring.

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LTC Janovic



**FROM THE
YOUTH DIRECTOR**

If you're reading this, guess it means we survived the rain and subsequent flooding late last month. I don't know about you, but I'm ready for those May flowers!

Thanks to all of you who attended the Sunrise Service on Easter morning. We had 54 in attendance plus 25 young people. I jump at any opportunity to get them in front of our church leading worship. I want them to realize they can serve our church right now; they don't have to wait until they're older. How awesome would it be for our young people to set the example for our adults!

May is shaping up to be a pretty calm month for us schedule wise. Our young people are preparing for the end of the school year and the summer break that will follow. For now, we continue to meet every Sunday and Wednesday night, but we will soon cut back to Sunday night only.

Please note the following dates/announcements:

Spring Fling – Sunday, May 15. Youth will be organizing our annual Cornhole Tournament. I need volunteers to bring boards and bags for us to use. There is no cost to play and partners will be assigned by blind draw. This is always a good time; come watch Bro. Jim defend his title!

MCHS Graduation – Friday, May 27. We have several Seniors who will be graduating. Please give them a few words of encouragement over the next few weeks.

BUMC Baccalaureate Service – Sunday, June 5. We will recognize and honor our graduates during this service. Please join us as we celebrate this important milestone in their lives.

Prayer Partners! I still need a few more prayer partners for our MFuge trip this summer. You will be paired up to pray for one of our young people or a chaperone as we prepare for our trip. This will be very meaningful for our kids and I think it's a great opportunity for some of our adult members to bond with and mentor our youth. Please let me know if you think you can help!

Thanks again for all you do to support UMYF!

Barrett Howard

Spring Fling is May 15

Brandenburg United Methodist Church will hold its **Annual Spring Fling Sunday, May 15, after the 11 a.m. service.**

The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, coleslaw and drinks. Members and friends are asked to bring their favorite salad to share and single-serving packages of baked goods (2-3 cookies, brownies, etc.) for the dessert walk. Brenda Brooks,

Del Harris and their group will provide the music again this year. There will be a cornhole tournament for all ages, and a bounce house and other activities for the kids.

Please plan to join us for this special time of fellowship with our church family and friends.



PandaMania

Where God is Wild About You!

Brandenburg United Methodist Church will host **Vacation Bible School June 20-23** (Monday-Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This year's program is "PandaMania – Where God is Wild About You!"

Vacation Bible School is open for children Pre-school-6th grade.

Throughout the week, your child will learn five Key Bible Points:

- God made you.
- God listens to you.
- God watches over you.
- God loves you no matter what.
- God gives good gifts.

During the week, your child will swing into God's Word by taking part in PandaMania Party Time Sing, Wild Bible Adventures, Bamboo Blast Games, Crazy Crafts and Missions and even eat some tasty Treetop Treats!

Both youth and adult volunteers are needed to make this week a memorable experience for all. A nursery will be provided for the small children of VBS volunteers.

Registration forms and volunteer signup sheets are available at church. Contact children's ministries director Amber Plemmons for more information.

MAY CALENDAR

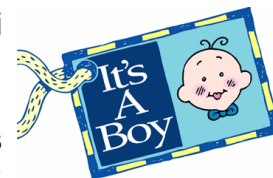
Regular Weekly Events:

- Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**
 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, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ (various homes)
- Tuesday, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
 6:45 a.m. Brothers in Christ (McDonalds)
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
- Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25**
 6:30 p.m. Youth
 Brothers in Christ
 Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)
 6:45 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday, May 5, 12, 19, 26**
 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
- Saturday, May 7, 14, 21, 28**
 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ
 (Stone Law Office)
- New Events:**
- Monday, May 2**
 12 p.m. Ministerial Association Luncheon/Meeting
 6 p.m. Madrigal Concert (Sanctuary)
 Reception following in Parish Hall
 Mission Team Meeting
 Cub Scout Pack 150 Committee
 7:15 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150 Committee
- Thursday, May 5**
 6 p.m. Trustee Meeting
- Sunday, May 8**
 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings
 6:00 p.m. Church Council
- Saturday, May 14**
 1:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- Sunday, May 15**
 12:00 p.m. *Spring Fling*
- Tuesday, May 17**
 8:30 a.m. VA Officer
- Thursday, May 19**
 1:00 p.m. NARFE
- Saturday, May 21**
 2:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- Sunday, May 22**
 12:00 p.m. FLC Reserved
- Tuesday, May 24**
 1:30 p.m. UMW
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150
- Monday, May 30 - Memorial Day**
 Church Office Closed
- Tuesday, May 31**
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150



Tucker Vincent Bradley,
 the son of
 Randall and Shannon Bradley,
 was baptized
 Sunday, April 17, 2011.

Kelly and Tony Capozzi welcomed their son, Vinny, into the world Wednesday, April 6, 2011. Born 12 weeks early, Vinny weighed 2.3 pounds and was 13.5 inches long.



We are pleased to welcome Erik Mann to our church family. He comes to us by transfer from St. Mary Catholic Church. Erik is the program and wellness director at the YMCA of Harrison County.

An outdoor enthusiast, Erik is keen on the health and well-being of himself, his family and everyone else around him. He has two daughters, Elanna, 8, and Kendall, 4. The family lives in Payneville.

Change of Address

Ruth E. Puckett has moved to Salem, Indiana, to live with family. She would welcome cards and notes to her new address: 5553 Becksmill Road, Salem, IN 47167. Ruth, who is the aunt of Martha Claycomb, joined Brandenburg UMC last year.

CPR 101 offered by Karen Tanguay

Karen Tanguay, certified CPR instructor, has offered to teach another CPR certification class at Brandenburg UMC. If you attended the class she taught before and would like to renew your certification, or if you would like to become certified, please contact Sandra Stone at the church office, 422-2810, or via e-mail at sandra.stone@bburgumc.org. We will then schedule the class to accommodate the most number of participants. Upon successful completion of the class, your certification will be good for two years.

SERVING OUR CHURCH IN MAY

8:45 AM SERVICE

Ushers: Lee Klockow, Dave Mitcham, Tom & Mary Beth McQuary

Greeters: Narthex - Patti Klockow
Parish Hall- Michele Dix
Atrium - Eli Dix

Information Table: Ronnie Joyner

Communion Servers: Gwen Gallimore, Sandy Howard,
Amy Hamilton, Levi Hamilton

May 1: Children's Moment: Roxanne Miles

Cherub Church: Sarah Greer, To Be Contacted

Nursery: Lesley Wilson, Rachel Harreld

May 8: Children's Moment: Eli Dix

Cherub Church: Kasi Cannady, Olivia Honaker

Nursery: Jennifer Honaker, Michelle Hobbs, Cassidy Adams

May 15: Children's Moment: To Be Contacted

Cherub Church: To Be Contacted

Nursery: Stephanie Crosier, Sandy Dupin

May 22: Children's Moment: Levi Hamilton

Cherub Church: Alison Howard, Marissa Gallimore

Nursery: Stephanie Crosier, Sandy Dupin, Maggie Wilson

May 29: Children's Moment: John Turner

Cherub Church: Alison Howard, Marissa Gallimore

Nursery: Michele Dix, Maggie Wilson, Gwen Gallimore

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Nursery Volunteers

May 1: Beth Greer, Val Goins

May 8: Beth Greer, Jennifer Honaker

May 15: Beth Greer, Randall Bradley

May 22: Beth Greer, Kelly Nelson

May 29: Beth Greer, Chris Wilson

11:00 a.m. SERVICE

Tellers: Scott Bogard, Pat Scott

Ushers: Mike Smith (Head Usher), Ron Pile,
Jeff Cannady, Al Lawrence, Don Dodson

Greeters: Narthex - Mary Lee Ernst
Parish Hall - Judy Austin
Atrium -10:00 a.m. - Ron Pile
11:00 a.m. - Don Dodson

Information Table: Robyn Proctor

Communion Servers: Ara & Al Lawrence,
Robyn Proctor, Chester Davisson

May 1: Children's Moment: Linda Dodson

Nursery: Beth Greer, Val Goins

May 8: Children's Moment: Lesley Wilson

Nursery: Beth Greer, Kim Robinson, Jennifer Saylor

May 15: Children's Moment: Alison Howard

Nursery: Beth Greer, Pam Hamilton, Amy Bogard

May 22: Children's Moment: Jon Miller

Nursery: Beth Greer, Chris Wilson

May 29: Children's Moment: Amber Plemmons

Nursery: Beth Greer, Stephanie Stone

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

MAY EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests
Jim & Pat Carlson

Medco and Beehive Visitation
Isabel Wilson

Shut-in Food Preparation
Week 1 - Bev Furnival, Sheila Sager
Week 2 - Ara Lawrence
Week 3 - Mary Plemmons, Lee Klockow
Week 4 - Sharon Martin, Mary Beth McQuary

Shut-in Food Delivery
Week 1 - Bev Furnival
Week 2 - Ara & Al Lawrence
Week 3 - Sandra Stone
Week 4 - Mary Greer

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

ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT as of MARCH 31, 2011

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP				
Mar. 6	176	8:45 a.m. 180	11:00 a.m. 113	Total	293	
Mar. 13	176	8:45 a.m. 165	11:00 a.m. 131	Total	296	
Marr. 20	173	8:45 a.m. 161	11:00 a.m. 153	Total	314	
Mar. 27	185	8:45 a.m. 167	11:00 a.m. 145	Total	312	

BUDGET FOR 2011: **\$461,550.00**
(\$8,875.96 per week)

Budget income received as of March 31:	\$104,653.83
Budget income needed as of March 31:	\$115,380.00
Short of meeting Budget (YTD):	\$(10,726.17)

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:

Building Fund	50.00
Children's Ministries	100.00
Coffee Sales	82.00
Communion Offering	835.00
Food Pantry	300.00
Half-Time	1,117.00
Japanese Relief	1,899.00
Memorial Garden Fund	50.00
Mission Fund	20.00
Pink Link	500.00
Upward Basketball	100.00
Youth	1,170.00

Rick Nelson, Treasurer

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SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

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(1) Chester Davisson, Emily Lepley, Robyn Proctor (2) Levi Hamilton, Maryse Parrish (3) Doris Mangin, Rusty Lepley, Anna Wilson, Zachary Woolfolk (4) Eric King (5) Amy Bogard, Katie Wooldridge (6) Jeff Cannady, Steven Cannady (7) Hannah King (8) Angela Kerrick, Piper Vowels (9) Julia Reed, Charlotte Shepard (10) Randall Bradley (12) Bethany Spencer (13) Travis Alexander, Earl Smiley (15) Jacob Miller (16) Melissa Aikin, Nathaniel Faith, Avery Ford, Bud Wilson (17) Deborah Tonelli (18) Anna Rohland (19) Jim Carreer, Grant King (21) Dave Wilson (22) Jordan King (23) Rebecca Grant (24) Lindsey Godby, John Saylor, Michael Schwartz (25) Scarlett Powers (26) Christopher Ledford, Avery Sydnor (27) Irv Spencer, Ashley Sydnor (28) Herbert Thompson (29) Craig Morris, Jenny Rohland, Carissa Schwartz (30) Bub Warren

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