

# Crosslink Newsletter

A Newsletter for  
Church School at FUMC

Winter 2010

## February

- Feb 21** Covenant Choir singing 9:15 am  
Carol Choir singing 11:00 am  
Lenten Fair 12:00-2:00 pm
- Feb 28** Youth Musical  
4th & 5th grade stay in worship

## March

- Mar 7** Covenant Club 6:15 - 7:40 pm  
Fellowship Hall
- Mar 21** Church Camp Sunday  
Bowling at Northern Lanes  
12:30-2:30 pm
- Mar 28** Palm Sunday  
K-5th grade Sunday school combined  
in the Little Theater

## April

- Apr 4** **Easter Sunday**  
Family Sunday  
No Sunday school K - 5th
- Apr 11** Youth Mission Report  
4th & 5th grade stay in worship  
Covenant Club 6:15-7:40 pm
- Apr 25** Children's Musical 9:15 & 11:00 am;  
No Sunday school K-8th grades

## Calling all children 3-yr-old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade



Please help us start our Palm Sunday services on March 28 with a swish of palms! Join us as we celebrate Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Meet us in the hallway outside of Room 18, ten minutes before service starts so we can line up with palms. The children will process down the center aisle waving the palms to start our morning worship services. Children will sit in the front pews until children's time. Children in PreK will go to the 3-yr-old room and children in grades K-5 will go to the Little Theater for Sunday school after children's time.

## Lenten Fair



Sunday, February 21

12:00-2:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Lunch: build your own taco bar, dessert, and drinks  
Lenten crafts for kids as children finish eating.  
Cost: \$3 each / \$12 per family

**Call the church office, 835-6797 ext. 18,  
by Thursday, February 18 to make reservations.**

Join us at the Lenten Fair.

Learn about the traditional symbols of Easter. Play games, make crafts, and discover how our Sunday school special offering of honeybees will make a difference for families living in extreme poverty.

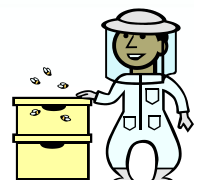
## Children's Special Offering

Sunday School Special Offering will be collected during Lent, February 21-Easter Sunday, April 4.

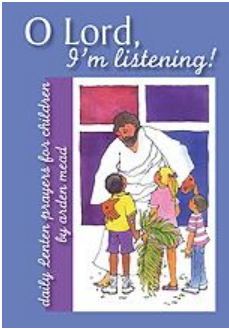
### Honeybees

Bees may be small, but they can make a big impact on the lives of poor families in all parts of the world. Sale of their honey and wax quickly translates into profits that can be used to pay for food, clothing, medicine, and education. And since bees require relatively little space and have low maintenance costs, your gift of honeybees is a great way to help provide nutrition and income to families living in extreme poverty.

Heifer International honeybees include a bee package, the box and hive, and training in the latest beekeeping techniques.



## Family Lenten Devotion Book and Mobile Craft



Pick up your Family Lenten Devotional booklet and mobile activity packet on the children's greeter table before church on Sunday, February 14 and 21 or at the Lenten Fair on Sunday, February 21. The study begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17. One per household please.



## Get Connected with 24 Hours That Changed The World

- Devotions:** This Lent join in short daily devotional readings each day. Adam Hamilton's "40 Days of Reflection" is a little, but mighty book that will enlighten and enrich you. The books are available at the office reception desk during the week and on Sundays they are available after each of the three services.
- Study Group:** Make a commitment to participate in a 6-week study group in which you'll view Adam Hamilton's accompanying DVD each week. The group leader will draw from the book, "24 Hours That Changed the World" to provide additional background on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. Check the full list of time options on the website, [www.fumcmidweb.org](http://www.fumcmidweb.org), or in the flyer enclosed in the Lenten Brochure. The 9:15 am Sunday morning time is a great opportunity for parents to attend a class while your children are in Sunday School. Then come back in the evening to attend the 5:00 pm worship service. There are also groups on Sunday evening (childcare provided), during the week, and Thursday night.
- Preaching Series:** Come as often as you are able to the 5:00 pm contemporary worship service to hear Rev. Jeremy Africa and Rev. Dr. Charles Keyworth as they team preach on the last 24 hours of Jesus' life and what it means for us today. This worship will enrich your understanding of the readings, not duplicate them. School-age children will come to worship for the opening songs and then go to the PreK Room for their own program of crafts and stories.



EXTRA! EXTRA!

### Lenten Sunday Suppers

There are Sunday night catered suppers every night during Lent, except Sunday, March 7. If you are moving on to UMYF or a study group, you can go to the front of the line and be out quickly. Otherwise, enjoy the fellowship of a more leisurely supper. Please email Marcia [mpayne@fumcmid.org](mailto:mpayne@fumcmid.org) at the church office to make your reservations.



Can't fit in a study group? Rev. Dr. Brent McCumons will show the DVD in the Little Theater between services each week and be available for a very brief time of questions and comments. The DVD will also be shown at 4:45 pm in the Sanctuary just before the 5:00 pm service. Childcare is provided in the Nursery and story time in the Library.

# Covenant Club

Fellowship for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders

Sunday evenings 6:15-7:40 pm

Questions? Contact Allison Kyro 835-6797 ext.13 or [akyro@fumcmid.org](mailto:akyro@fumcmid.org)

## March 7 (Fellowship Hall) Easter Labrynth

Have you ever walked a Labyrinth? Try something new! Come enjoy this Easter themed event.



## April 11

Roller skating plans are in progress (check your email in March for more details)

## May 2 Fifth Grade Farewell

6:15 pm - Game in the Youth Center

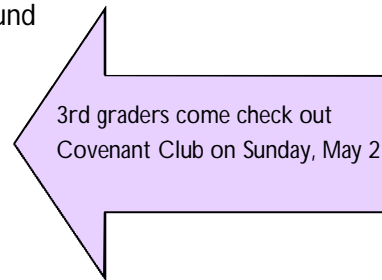
6:30 pm - 5<sup>th</sup> graders move up to Middle School UMYF in Middle Ground

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders make pizzas for everyone.

(and shh! ... a little surprise for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders)

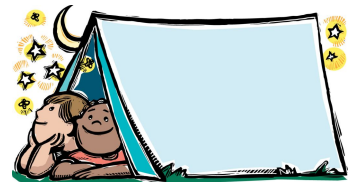
7:20 pm - Pizza with Middle School UMYF in Fellowship Hall

We will join Middle School in their ring-down closing.



# Church Camp

Learn more about Church Camp opportunities on Sunday, March 21 when Matt Shephard will share information at children's time and between services in Fellowship Hall. Pick up a camp brochure in your Sunday school class or from Matt's booth between services. Let us know which camp you are going to by signing up on Allison Kyro's office window.



# Family Bowling

Join Family Life Council for bowling at Northern Lanes

Sunday, March 21

12:30 - 2:30 pm

Northern Lanes

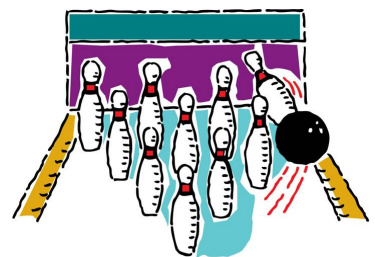
\$10.00 per hr. per lane; \$1.00 shoe rental

Discounted food prices:

1 large one item pizza \$9.00

Pitcher of pop \$3.00

R.S.V.P. by March 14 by email - [mpayne@fumcmid.org](mailto:mpayne@fumcmid.org) or call 835-6797 ext. 18.



## Easter Sunday



### Jesus is Alive!

Join us for worship on Easter Sunday!  
 Kids, pick up the Jelly Bean Prayer activity book on your way into worship.  
 No Sunday school grades K-5.  
 Nursery, Pre-K, and Ark classes open both services.



### The Ark Room



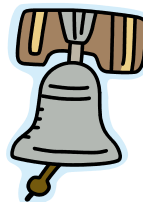
*"...Let the little children come to me. Don't stop them, because the kingdom of God belongs to people who are like these little children." Luke 18:16*

Here at FUMC we strive to provide a place where all people can grow closer to God through Christian education, worship, and fellowship. The Ark Room provides an enriching Christian environment for children with special needs to grow and develop while allowing parents to attend worship. The Ark Room is staffed with a combination of experienced professionals and volunteers who use the Rock Solid Sunday school curriculum, adapted for each individual student.

For more information call Allison Kyro Director of Children's Ministries  
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## Bell Ringers Needed

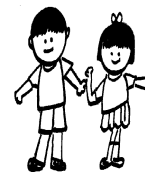
**Make a joyful noise!** We need children ages 3 to 8 to ring the bell to announce the beginning of each morning worship service. There are sign-up sheets on Mrs. Kyro's office window in the main hallway between the Parlor and the Larkin Street exits. You may also sign up by calling Allison Kyro at 835-6797 ext.13 or email [akyro@fumcmid.org](mailto:akyro@fumcmid.org). You may check available dates on the church calendar at [www.fumcmidweb.org](http://www.fumcmidweb.org).



## Volunteer in the Ark Room

Join Our Special Needs Ministry Team!

Volunteer in the Ark room



We're looking for people who...

- ♥ love and accept children just as they are.
- ♥ are excited about being with and learning from these special children.
- ♥ display creativity and patience.
- ♥ believe ALL kids can love God and are important members of our congregation.
- ♥ long to share God's love.
- ♥ want to bring hope and healing to families who sometimes feel "left out" at church.

Contact Allison Kyro ♦ 835-6797 ext.13 ♦ [akyro@fumcmid.org](mailto:akyro@fumcmid.org)

## Vacation Bible School : Mark Your Calendars



"Let everything that breathes praise the Lord."

Psalm 150:6

Plan ahead to blast off with us June 14 - 18 at **Galactic Blast** Vacation Bible school. Come praise God and learn Bible lessons as you also learn about our amazing universe at this outer space, rocket ship themed week.

Teens: Remember volunteering at VBS counts toward volunteer hours for NHS.

Also:

Teens who volunteer at VBS will be invited to join the 5th grade class trip to Kokomos at a reduced group rate.

WANTED: Teens and Adults to help with VBS  
Teachers: Grades PreK – 5<sup>th</sup>  
Classroom Helpers  
Kitchen Crew  
Craft Helpers  
Nursery Workers

Contact Allison Kyro 835-6797 ext. 13  
or Becky Jenkins 835-6797 ext. 14

## Children's Musical

*Rain and thunder!*

*Lots of lightning!*

*Water all around!*

*It's going to be frightening...*

*...but I'll keep you safe in the ark!*



Get ready to go on an adventure with Noah and his family as we discover what it means to have faith in God!

On Sunday, April 25, Carol and Covenant Choir will present the children's musical entitled "*Get on Board, Children.*" Rehearsals are already underway, but it's **not** too late to join in the fun. Any child, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, is welcome to attend rehearsals, and participation in LOGOS is **not** required.

Rehearsal times are on Thursdays:

Carol Choir (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) - 4:00 to 4:45 pm

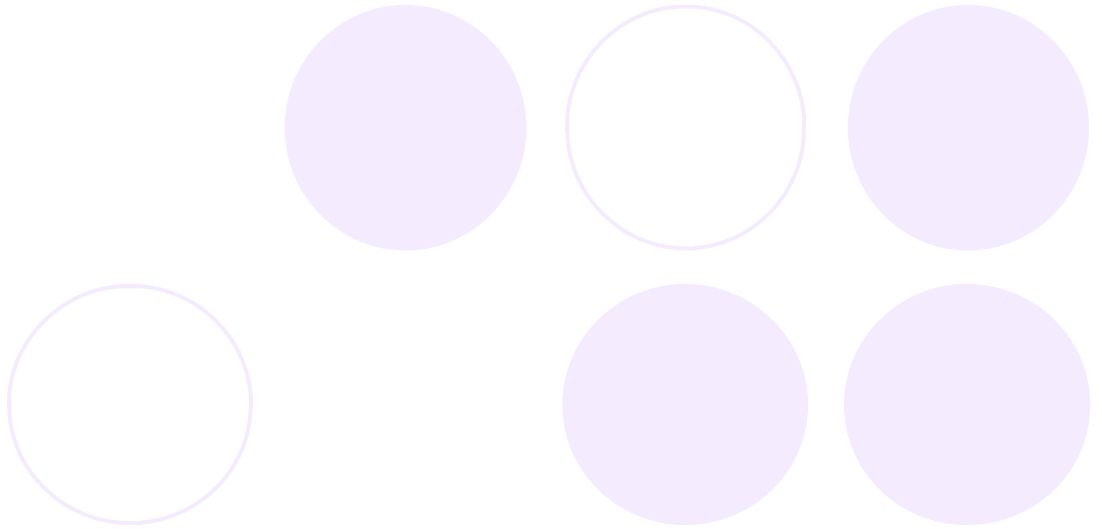
Covenant Choir (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) - 4:45 to 5:30 pm

For a detailed rehearsal schedule, visit the church website at [www.fumcmidweb.org](http://www.fumcmidweb.org) or contact Jantz Black (Director) at the church. (835-6797 ext. 41) or [jblack@fumcmid.org](mailto:jblack@fumcmid.org). It's going to be a "flood" of fun!



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# Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)  
The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



Y L X Y P K W G P R X I F L W  
 D B A R H V N E S P I C E S K  
 P W V S L I P U E F Z S Z U T  
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living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day