

# The Flame

First United Methodist Church, Paragould, Arkansas

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Dear Friends,

As we approach the middle of the Lenten season, I trust that you are still holding fast to your Lenten disciplines and resolutions. The advantage of good, holy disciplines is that they soon become habits, and habits can become a permanent lifestyle.

This past week, as part of the Lenten call to discipline, you were invited to commit yourself to service in the church. My heart was warmed as I looked out over the congregation, in all three services, and saw how seriously you were taking the “ministry menu.” I believe there will be a variety of new ministries that will flourish because of your decisions.

Although their work is only now really beginning, I want to thank the NOW Team for all their efforts (NOW by the way, is the acronym used in the United Methodist Book of Discipline for all of the missions and ministries of the church. It stands for Nurture, Outreach and Witness).

Chair – Andrea Pearson

Nurture - Jame Cook, Tori Thompson; staff: Tricia Weaver, Celeste Letchworth

Outreach – Jim Jackson, Susan Risker; staff: Jeff Weaver

Witness – Luke Cook; staff: Tom Letchworth

The Now Team will be sorting through your responses and getting in touch with you about your team ministry in the next several weeks.

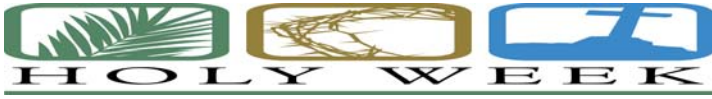
Thanks for your commitment to Christ and His church!

Tom

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Members of the Templo Tierra Prometida will be taking orders for tamales in the Welcome Center on Sunday, March 7 before and after the morning worship services. Templo Tierra Prometida is our sister Hispanic church that meets in the chapel on Sunday afternoons. We encourage you to support their ministries with your purchase, and enjoy good tamales when they are delivered the following week!



(Service begins at 7:00 pm each evening)

Mon, March 29	Pruett's Chapel UMC	Rev. Lynn McClure
Tue, March 30	Shiloh UMC	Rev. Ed Harris
Wed, March 31	Griffin Memorial UMC	Rev. Larry Hughes
Thurs, April 1	Campground UMC	Rev. Bob Hager
Fri, April 2	First UMC	Tenebrae Service

## Children's News

Tricia Weaver, Christian Education/Children's Director

### Rotation Sunday School

The next Rotation will run from March 28—April 25 and will be "Easter: People". If you would like to teach Games, Arts & Crafts, Storytelling, Music or Cooking, contact Mrs. Tricia. To volunteer to teach, please contact Mrs. Tricia at the church, or sign the list on the bulletin board on the first floor hall.

**Wonderful Wednesday** will not meet on March 24 because of Spring Break.

**Easter Grams** - The Wonderful Wednesday kids will be selling Easter Grams on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings. Buy one (only 50cents) for someone and it will hang on the tree in the first floor hall until Easter Sunday. All proceeds will go to Mission Outreach.

**Easter Egg Hunt** will be Saturday, April 2 from 9:00—10:30 am for children from birth - 3rd grade. Come join us for a light breakfast. We will have some crafts along with a reading of the Easter story. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available for \$2 each and ready for pick-up on Sunday, April 4, at the church.

**VBS** will be July 26-29 from 5—8 pm.

## Youth News

Jeff Weaver, Youth Minister

**Yard Sale** - If you have items for the yard sale, you may bring them to the church at any time! If you need help with an item or something picked up from your home, contact Jeff. The dates have been changed so new dates will be announced soon.

**Youth Council** meeting on Thursday, March 4 at 6:00 pm.

### Dinner Schedule:

March 7: Jerry & Joy Miller,  
Jimmy & Suzanne Bushong  
March 14: Leonard & Amy Baker,  
Libby Taylor  
March 21: No UMY—Spring Break  
March 28: No Dinner—UMY Movie night

**Spring Break Schedule**—There will be NO UMY on Sunday, March 21, or Disciple Bible Study on Wednesday, March 24 because of Spring Break. Also, on Sunday, March 28, the UMY will go to the movies. Times will be announced later.

**UMY**—Sunday's at 5:00 pm

**Disciple Bible Study**—Wednesday's at 5:30 pm

**UMY Praise Band**—Sunday's at 7:00 pm

**Remember that our College Sunday School Class meets each week!**



### Property Makes Mission Possible

The United Methodist Women of FUMC will be holding their unit meeting on Tuesday, March 9, at 2:00 pm in the Welcome Center. The meeting will be followed by A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial Service. All women of the church are invited. The Prayer and Self-Denial offering will be used for UMW supported national and international institutions. Did you know that UMW is celebrating a 140 year history? Please join us for our meeting and program.

There will be plenty of drama at FUMC this month....

And I mean that in a good way!

- A short dramatic sketch "The Little Red Hen" will be presented at all three worship services this Sunday, March 7. (Bro. Tom will be preaching from Malachi 3 and Exodus 23.)
- The teens will be presenting three dramatic sketches during their *Spring Forward* worship service on Saturday evening, March 13 — "The Missing Persons Bureau" (a modern-day retelling of Mary Magdalene looking for the body of Jesus after His resurrection); "On the Road Again" (two truckers encounter the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus); and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (a reader's theater presentation of the life of John Wesley).



The Bodacious Bells will ring at the 11:00 worship service this Sunday, March 7.



## Our 2nd Annual Spring Forward Worship Service

*Mercy Refined*, the youth praise band, will be leading worship at this year's *Spring Forward* worship service Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

If you ever wondered what a *martellato lift* is, then you won't want to miss the Radical Ringers ringing at the 11:00 worship service, March 14.



Questions? Comments? Contact Celeste at church 239-8541 or home 236-2555 or text 501-207-1295 or email [cletchworth@fumcparagould.org](mailto:cletchworth@fumcparagould.org)

# Memorials

*In Memory of*

**Lou Loving** (*mother of Carrie Cook*) by Donna Jones, Diane Hart, Greg & Michele Graham, Joe, Noreen & Seth Williams, Winnie Bland, Coffee Break Class

**Monra Riggs** by Winnie Bland

**Daveda Misenhimer** by Winnie Bland

**Helen Goehring** by Winnie Bland

**Freda Williams** by Winnie Bland

**Mary Alice Swindle** by Dr & Mrs Don Purcell

## Easter Lilies

Purchase a Lily to be placed in the sanctuary this Easter in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. **Lilies will be \$17.50.** Please fill out the following, attach your check, and mail or bring to the church office. Deadline for Lilies will be March 26 so we can order for Easter.

*In Memory of:*

*In Honor of:*

Given by:

## Easter Memorial/Honorariums

Special memorials/honorariums are being accepted. You may make a donation in any amount to the fund of your choice. Please have these to the church office no later than March 31 to be included in the Easter Bulletins.

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

To the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund.

(Memorial, Building/Debt Retirement, Reg Green Memorial Scholarship, Endowment, General, etc)

*(Acknowledgements will not be sent for these.)*

# Prayers / Presence / Gifts

Weekly Budget Needs	13,460.56
Weekly Contributions	13,920.85
YTD Contributions	94,436.71
YTD Budget	121,145.04
2010 Budget	699,494.00

## Attendance

	Feb 28	Last Year
8:00	25	10
9:00	198	62
11:00	160	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>124</b> (snow)

## Hospital

### Prayer Requests

SPC Andrew Goodwin  
 Spc Jeremiah MacDonald 875th  
 Johnny Townsley Bette Brewer  
 Randy Boyd Jerry Yates  
 Sara MacDonald Kristi Millard  
 Bill Burnett Jackson Shepherd  
 Jordan Davidson Berneice Howard  
 Don Hudson Janese Hyde  
 Candi Crosno Nichole Babcock  
 Keith Bean Keith Willis  
 Ronnie Reeves Joyce Vallentine  
 Martha Crump Greta Jernigan  
 Gayle Eden Mary Stark  
 Lori Thompson Jane McKenzie  
 Brian Noland April Smith  
 Claude Martin Noah Crowe  
 Keith Griffith Ryan Hobson  
 Kenyon Huggins Melissa Becton  
 Mary Carr Tyler Smith  
 James Rashke Alice Jones  
 Tim McCarty Maleta Scudder  
 Marti Refkin Anna Bass  
 Glenda Kaminer Roella Williams  
 Melvin Crabtree Royce Williams  
 Robin Williams Jeanie Mockewich  
 Bettye Lou Johnson Harry Bazzell  
 Joan Rattton

*Please inform the church office if a name can be removed from this list. Thank you*



# MARCH



## Calendar of Events

<b>Sunday, March 7</b>	5:15 pm Radical Ringers
8:00 am Early Service	6:00 pm When God's People Pray
*9:00 am Contemporary Service	6:00 pm ABCD Group
10:00 am Sunday School	7:30 pm Praise Team
*11:00 am Traditional Service	<b>Thursday, March 18</b>
1:00 pm Hispanic Service	9:00 am Prayer Ministry
5:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined	10:15 am ABCD Group
5:30 pm ABCD Group	Noon—Sermon & Soup—All Saints
<b>Monday, March 8</b>	7:00 pm Hispanic
6:00 pm Drama practice	<b>Saturday, March 20</b>
6:00 pm Scouts	Wedding Shower
<b>Tuesday, March 9</b>	<b>Sunday, March 21</b>
2:00 pm UMW General Meeting	8:00 am Early Service
6:00 pm Scouts	*9:00 am Contemporary Service
<b>Wednesday, March 10</b>	10:00 am Sunday School
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	*11:00 am Traditional Service
9:00 am When God's People Pray	1:00 pm Hispanic Service
3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday	5:30 pm ABCD Group
5:00 pm Family Dinner	<b>Thursday, March 25</b>
5:15 pm Radical Ringers	Noon—Sermon & Soup—First Baptist
6:00 pm When God's People Pray	7:00 pm Hispanic
6:00 pm ABCD Group	<b>Friday, March 26</b>
*6:30 pm Chancel Choir	Wedding Rehearsal
7:30 pm Praise Team	<b>Saturday, March 27</b>
<b>Thursday, March 11</b>	Tripod/Byaird Wedding
9:00 am Prayer Ministry	<b>Sunday, March 28</b>
10:15 am ABCD Group	8:00 am Early Service
Noon—Soup & Sermon @ Shiloh UMC	*9:00 am Contemporary Service
7:00 pm Hispanic	10:00 am Sunday School
7:00 pm Scout Roundtable	*11:00 am Traditional Service
<b>Friday, March 12</b>	1:00 pm Hispanic Service
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 pm UMYF
<b>Saturday, March 13</b>	5:30 pm ABCD Group
Confirmation Day with the Bishop	<b>Monday, March 29</b>
5:00 pm Heath/Dickinson Wedding	6:00 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Spring Forward Service	7:00 pm Holy Week Service @ Pruett's Chapel
<b>Sunday, March 14</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 30</b>
8:00 am Early Service	6:00 pm Scouts
*9:00 am Contemporary Service	7:00 pm Holy Week Service @ Shiloh
10:00 am Sunday School	<b>Wednesday, March 31</b>
*11:00 am Traditional Service	6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
1:00 pm Hispanic Service	9:00 am When God's People Pray
5:00 pm UMY / Mercy Refined	3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday
5:30 pm ABCD Group	5:00 pm Family Dinner
<b>Monday, March 15</b>	5:15 pm Radical Ringers
6:00 pm Scouts	6:00 pm When God's People Pray
<b>Tuesday, March 16</b>	6:00 pm ABCD Group
5:15 pm Trustees	6:30 pm Chancel Choir
6:00 pm Scouts	7:00 pm Holy Week Service @ Griffin
6:30 pm Chancel Choir	7:30 pm Praise Team
<b>Wednesday, March 17</b>	* Nursery Provided
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	
9:00 am When God's People Pray	
3:30 pm Wonderful Wednesday	
5:00 pm Family Dinner	

## Volunteers

### NURSERY

- Mar 7: Debbie Brown (9-10)  
Sally Martin (11-12)  
Janie Harris (11-12)
- Mar 14: Julie Rowe (9-10)  
Sam & Andrea Dickey (10-12)
- Mar 21: Robert & Tori Thompson (9-10)  
Jennifer Cook (10-12)
- Mar 28: Janice Wilcox (9-10)  
Crete Rhodes (10-12)

### ACOLYTES

- Mar 7: John Brengard, Will Jackson,  
Walt Reynolds
- Mar 14: Lily McDaniel, Sara Giguere  
Alyssa Reece
- Mar 21: Abby Rogers, Anna Clara May,  
Kyleigh Horner
- Mar 28: Holly Blair Benson, Jesse Grooms,  
Quentin Cupp

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Mar 7: Bobby & Kelly Kasserma
- Mar 14: Robert & Tori Thompson
- Mar 21: John & Carrie Cook
- Mar 28: Bobby & Kelly Kasserma

### BLUE JEAN USHERS

- Mar 7: Charlie & Crete Rhodes,  
Nate & Jana Burnett
- Mar 14: Shay Nanke, Jeremy Willis,  
Melissa Tarry, Susan Nanke
- Mar 21: Mike, Tracy, Travis & Payton Finch
- Mar 28: Erik & Kerry Eliason,  
Dale & Caroline Schenk

### Mugging Ministry

- Mar 7: Luke Cook
- Mar 14: Bob Branch
- Mar 21: Crete Rhodes
- Mar 28: Luke Cook

### MISSING:

- ✓ A 5 gallon soup pot
- ✓ 2 DVD's from *Jesus The One and Only*
- ✓ The full set of DVD's from *Stepping Up*
- ✓ 1 DVD from *Beloved Disciple*



## **Soup & Sermon Series**

The Ministerial Alliance will again be sponsoring the Soup & Sermon Series during Lent. A Sermon will begin at noon followed by a soup lunch at the following churches:

March 4 - First United Methodist / Father Mike Sinkler preaching  
March 11 - Shiloh United Methodist / Rev Shawn Strouss preaching  
March 18 - All Saint's Episcopal / Rev Troy Mackey preaching  
March 25 - First Baptist / Rev John Snyder preaching

Make plans to attend as we prepare for Holy Week.

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### **FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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#### **Ministers—Every Church Member**

Bishop—Charles N Crutchfield  
District Superintendent—Kurt Boggan  
Pastors—Tom Letchworth  
Director of Fine Arts Ministries—Celeste Letchworth  
Minister of Music—Danny Davis  
Children's Music Director—Leigh Jackson  
Pastor to Youth and their families—Jeff Weaver  
Children/Christian Education Director—Tricia Weaver  
Church Administrator—Denise Chipman  
Custodian—Iona Stone  
Custodian—Jerry & Carla Young  
Organist—Bernard Raley

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