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## **Search for Leader of Hot Meals Begins**

# **Delores Niemoeller Announces Retirement**

After twenty-one years of ministry to the Columbus community, Delores Niemoeller has informed Pastor Gary of her desire to step down as the director of our Hot Meals ministry. Under Delores' leadership, the Monday night meal has become highly regarded by many special people in our community.

The First Church meal is always a full, healthy, balanced meal served with respect for each person who attends. Delores worked hard to gather food from various sources including the food banks and other collectors of "surplus food."

After eating a full meal the diners would often return home with extra food such as loaves of bread, or fresh fruit or other prepackaged food she would discover in the course of building a menu.

A skilled cook (that's an understatement!), she was also very skilled in teaching others to prepare meals. Helpers would often be persons from the church, but just as often they might be guests such as scouts doing a service project, high school seniors working on a project, or community members working with the court on community

service hours. Delores demonstrated her patience and skill with whomever arrived to help prepare the meal each Monday night.

Hot Meals is a shared ministry of the Ecumenical Assembly—commonly called Love Chapel. Other meals sites include St. Bartholomew's (Sunday), Asbury UMC (Tuesday), Love Chapel (Wednesday), Salvation Army (Thursday), First Presbyterian (Friday), and First Christian or Second Baptist (Saturday). Hot Meals is a free meal offered to anyone who attends "no questions asked."

Delores' leadership will be greatly missed. First Church is now looking for a new leader. Do you feel called to this ministry? Please talk with Pastor Gary or Pastor Brian if you do. Let us pray that a leader will be chosen among us so that this loving, effective ministry might continue in our community.

To Delores we say, "Thank you with a depth beyond words." To God we pray, "What is our future? Lord, who will lead?" May we, like the young boy, Samuel, be listening for the call of God..."Here I am; send me."

Leadership is highly valued and intensely maligned. Hundreds of books have been written trying to unlock the secrets of effective leadership. Throughout this round of campaigning for US President, many gallons of ink and hours of broadcast time have been expended complaining that the best leaders are just not coming forward. Most of these persons declared that the “intensely maligned” is greater than the “highly valued.” Most notable was our own governor, Mitch Daniels, who came out and said that his family didn’t want to put up with the negativity to which they’d be subjected. This echoed the words of General Colin Powell a decade ago when people were trying to lure him into the presidential race.

Effective leaders never expect all ideas to be followed without question. (That would be a dictatorship, not leadership.) Effective leaders never expect 100% agreement with their ideas. (That would be narcissistic.) Effective leaders view the relationship as a partnership. The effective leader of the group and the members of the group work together to achieve the common goal.

This understanding of leadership is very important to understand the relationship between a pastor and the congregation in the United Methodist Church. Here at First Church, Brian and I are appointed to serve among you and offer spiritual leadership. It is our responsibility to point you to the Bible and to assist you in exploring its meaning for us. It is our charge to guide this community of faith to listen for the urgings of the Holy Spirit and aid it in discerning God’s direction for this congregation. Neither Brian nor I (nor will Chris) have a full understanding of God’s Word. We struggle and discern along with you. But, our job is to remind us all to keep true to the Word of God and stay focused

on the ministries of God through First Church. Our task is to remind you of the mission of First Church and to challenge us to continually work to improve our ministry not for the church’s glory, not for the pastor’s glory, but solely for the glory of God!

As I have from Day 1, I offer to be a partner in ministry with you all. I have no other agenda than to help First United Methodist Church of Columbus, Indiana be the very best church it can be for the Kingdom of God. I desire only that this community of faith makes vibrant, thinking, serving disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. It can only happen when each of us is individually dedicated to be a vibrant, thinking, serving disciple.

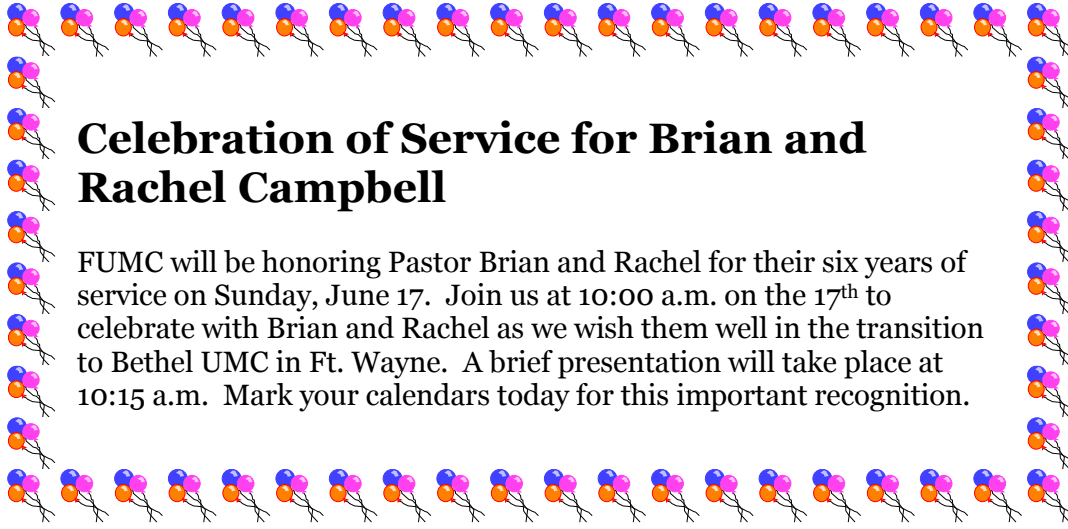


I want to thank you for all of the cards and letters I received following the death of my mother. Your expressions of concern and remembrance were most appreciated. Opening the new cards each day was a source of strength in that trying time. I was especially touched by the package of cards I received from the children. Thank you.

My brother, Barry, and I thank you, too, for the beautiful flowers that offered color and life to the occasion.

And finally, Barry and I thank you for the memorial contribution given in mom’s name to the Aldersgate UMC music program in Evansville. Barry plays keyboard and piano for the contemporary service (and sometimes even the organ) at Aldersgate.

*Barry*



## Celebration of Service for Brian and Rachel Campbell

FUMC will be honoring Pastor Brian and Rachel for their six years of service on Sunday, June 17. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on the 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate with Brian and Rachel as we wish them well in the transition to Bethel UMC in Ft. Wayne. A brief presentation will take place at 10:15 a.m. Mark your calendars today for this important recognition.



## Calling All 2012 Grads!!

If you will be graduating this Spring, please contact Sarah Campbell to be included in the Graduation Celebration at FUMC on Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

May 29th—9:00 a.m.

## Sing Hallelujah!

A Festival of Song  
by John Leavitt

FUMC Chancel Choir  
Dr. David K. Lamb, director/  
organist

Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, pianist

**Our MISSION is to make  
vibrant, thinking, *serv*ing  
DISCIPLES  
of  
*Jesus Christ*  
for the  
TRANSFORMATION  
of the world.**

## Balanced Schedule Brings Change to First Church

Beginning in the fall of 2012, BCSC and many other schools in the area will operate on a “balanced schedule.” Classes in Columbus will begin on August 6. Fall break will be two weeks long, Christmas break will be two weeks, and spring break will be two weeks as well.

For First Church, this means that Labor Day is no longer the end of summer; it’s five weeks into the school year. The families with children are already “back-to-normal,” so our children and youth and Sunday School schedules will begin with the start of school.

This schedule is also a great challenge to the Preschool who has always followed the school calendar, but now it is faced with the need of parents for childcare. While the students get two weeks off, the parents still have to work. For a working parent, Fall break and Spring break meant using 7 days of vacation, now it means 4 weeks. The Preschool is looking for ways to address this need of our parents.

The balanced schedule likewise challenges the church to rethink the calendar of events. For very good reasons, First Church has always tried to avoid special events on the weekends of school breaks, but that is now impossible. Each two-week break impacts three Sundays. Short-term classes, sermon series, all-church studies no longer fit on the Sundays unaffected by the school calendar. There are just not that many in a row without another school break.

Thus, you will see significant changes to the August calendar of church events. In the past, August was the quietest of months, but it will now become one of the busiest. We are a part of the Columbus community and we are doing our part to live with the changes occurring around us.



### 2012-2013 CALENDAR DATES

August	3	First Teacher Day
	6	First Student Day
September	3	Labor Day Holiday (no school)
October	8-19	Fall Break (no school)
November	22, 23	Thanksgiving Break (no school)
December	21	Semester Ends
	24-Jan 4	Christmas Break
January	4	Day for Teachers (no school)
	7	Classes resume for students
	21	Martin Luther King Holiday (no school)
March	11-15	Pre-school/Kindergarten Registration
	18-29	Spring Break (1st week protected)
	25-29	Snow Make-up Days #1-5 (includes Good Friday as Snow Make-up Day #1)*
	29	Good Friday (Snow Make-up Day #1)
May	27	Memorial Day (no school)
	31	Last Student Day **
June	1	Columbus East Graduation 10:00 a.m.
	1	Columbus North Graduation 1:00 p.m.

5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations

## **Classes and Small Groups Prepare for Fall Semester of Learning**

*This is the first of five reflections of the 5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations. First Church studied Robert Schnase's book in the fall of 2009. This series will summarize Schnase's thoughts and reflect on the progress First Church has made toward being a "fruitful congregation."*

The study of Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* began as an idea in the Education Committee back in 2008. The idea was embraced by the Church Council and the congregation. One should not be surprised that the Education Committee—now renamed "Faith Development"—should be the group who has made the most progress in implementing Schnase's ideas.

In his chapter on Christian Education, Schnase suggests that churches focus not on gaining knowledge but rather on developing faith. He also asserts that Christian Education is not haphazard, but rather *intentional!* Schnase reminds us that Christian Education "replicates the way Jesus deliberately taught his disciples." [p.63] He further suggests that "Bible Study messes with your life!" [p.63]

"Intentional Faith Development," he writes, "describes the practice of churches that view the ministers of Christian education and formation, small group work, and Bible study as absolutely critical to their mission and that constantly offer opportunities for people of all ages, interests, and faith experiences to learn in community." [p.68] The Faith Development Ministry Team is committed to offering a wide range of opportunities to study the Bible and to explore ways to respond to God's Word.

The ministry team affirms its support of our small groups and encourages more persons to be a part of the small group ministry. In a church of our size, only the small group allows for the development of relationships and fellowship that so many express that they desire. The ministry team continues to support classes to encourage study, reflection, and dialogue to stimulate one's growth and development as vibrant, thinking, serving disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our Sunday School will take a *Summer Sabbath*. We will not have classes during June or July, but planning is already underway to offer a wide spectrum of topics beginning on August 19.

## Travelers Class – Sundays at 10:10 a.m. Room 216 (Blue Room)

We conclude Bruce McLaren's book with Living the Questions in Community & Conclusion: A New Kind of Christianity. One of the basics a mentor taught him, and which all of us can try to live out, is “Bless the people.” Regardless of our different thoughts, beliefs, or actions, we can try to be a blessing to the others in our congregations. He also recommends “listening teams” as a powerful possibility for churches.

The congregation has another opportunity to learn of Pastor Brian and Bob Welsch's mission experience in Mexico when Bob does a Powerpoint presentation on May 13. “Give Ye Them To Eat” is the name of the agricultural mission run by Terry and Muriel Henderson, which our church has helped support for many years with a covenant pledge of \$2500 annually. Thirteen others joined Bob and Brian for the work projects trip. In Bob's words, “Brian and I say 'Amen' to that”. He also gives thanks for the wonderful weather.

We finish our study year on May 20 when Pastor Gary will meet with us to discuss retired Episcopal Bishop John Spong's idea of supplementing our scriptures with what might be called “The Contemporary Lesson.” Spong says “We could then keep the Bible as our historic text, but add to its message in a supplementary way from the richness of our religious history.”

He'll also look at responses to two fairly recent publications, The Gospel of Thomas, and the Gospel of Judas.

Also on 5/20, at noon, the class will have a pitch-in brunch at Bob and JoAnne Rother's, 1050 Towhee Drive. Please RSVP to 376-1078, or sign up in class. Families are invited.



Looking for a way to serve FUMC? The Faith Development Team has created a “Volunteer Connections” board in Fellowship Hall. Take a look for ways you may be able to give of your time & talents to First Church. Contact the church office for more information.

## Operation Overboard VBS to Feed the Masses!

This year at Vacation Bible School we are excited to do things a bit differently. For the past several years various groups in the church have provided meals for the volunteers and their children as a way to make volunteering easier and as a thank you for their service. This year two volunteers have stepped up to do something a bit more radical: We will feed ALL who attend VBS this year – not just the volunteers! In order to make this new way of doing ministry a success we will need your help! Donations, meal servers and cooks will be needed. If you are interested in learning how you can be a part of this exciting new aspect of VBS please contact Sharon Stark, Sara Dunlap or Sarah Campbell at the church office. They are excited to take VBS to a new level and hope you will join them!



Help Wanted



**Wanted: Divers who want to discover the Word of God with children!**

**June 3-7, 5:15 p.m. -8:30 p.m.**

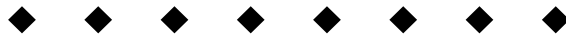
Would you like to spend a whole week at OPERATION OVERBOARD teaching the ocean insights for being a follower of God? At OPERATION OVERBOARD we will help children dare to go deep with God in their faith through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music and hours of fun!

Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and join us in the excitement at OPERATION OVERBOARD: Dare To Go Deep With God!

Contact Sarah Campbell ([scampbell@fumccolumbus.org](mailto:scampbell@fumccolumbus.org) or 372-2851) to sign up or learn more.

## Youth Mission Trip and ICHTHUS in June!

Eight teens will accompany Sarah Campbell & Chris Wessel to Kentucky on June 17<sup>th</sup> for an inner city mission trip followed by ICHTHUS, a Christian music festival with over 150 bands and speakers. If you would like to support the group on their trip, please include them in your prayers! Cookies are also welcome to take on the trip. Contact Sarah Campbell for information on how to donate or to find out if you can join in on the amazing week. Spots are still available for the entire week or just the weekend at the concerts.



## Confirmation Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> will be a special day in the life of FUMC as our Confirmation students become members of the church. This year we are blessed to have our Confirmation students take a special role in the worship service. They will be delivering the sermon, as well as, other roles in the services. A special celebration will be held in Fellowship Hall between the worship services for the entire church to welcome them into the First Church family. Contact Sarah Campbell to learn more.

## Be You, New Event for Girls Coming June 12<sup>th</sup>

Everyday girls of all ages see and hear things that keep them from believing this simple truth – God made them beautiful – just the way they are! FUMC has a great new program for girls in elementary school and their moms. This NEW Mother/



Daughter event will be held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a healthy snack, make crafts and hear a wonderful speaker who will teach us to love ourselves just as God created us & how moms can help instill this truth in their daughters!

RSVP's are required and due by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Invite a friend – this event is free and open to all girls in elementary school. If a mom cannot attend but the young girl would like to attend please note that on the registration. Contact Sarah Campbell to learn more or to register. Registration is also available on our website ([fumccolumbus.org](http://fumccolumbus.org)) in the Children's Ministry section.

## Youth Group News

The youth have been discussing movies and using clips from movies to dig deeper into their faith. Sixth graders are encouraged to join the Youth Group in May for fun, fellowship and movies! The youth group meets on Sundays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in room 316 through May 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 4 p.m. on May 6<sup>th</sup> to do a service project here at the church, followed by pizza and fun! All youth are welcome at all youth group meetings – bring a friend! Contact Sarah Campbell to learn more!



## We're going OVERBOARD at Vacation Bible School Plan YOUR adventure now!

**Week-Long Adventure:  
Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> –  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
5:45 p. m. – 8:30 p.m.**

NEW: Dinner will be served at 5:00 for anyone attending VBS this year!

VBS is for children ages 3 years – those entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Register: online beginning in May at [fumccolumbus.org](http://fumccolumbus.org) or pick up a registration sheet at the church.

Details: Sarah Campbell: 372-2851 or [scampbell@fumccolumbus.org](mailto:scampbell@fumccolumbus.org)

## Trike—A—Thon to be May 2



Learning Tree Preschool is gearing up for our Trike-A-Thon on Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> beginning at 9:45 a.m. Rain date is Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of our classes take turns riding in the church parking lot. This year our theme is Pedaling for Pennies. The children have lots of fun while raising money to improve our play area. We hope you can come and cheer the little riders on! This summer we plan to add some new equipment for our one and two year olds.

Learning Tree Preschool will be selling \$10.00 Vouchers for Elsbury's Greenhouse during the annual Trike-A-Thon May 2nd, from 9:45-11:30 (May 3rd rain date). These can be used to buy spring flowers for yourself or as a gift! Stop by the LTP office or call Adrienne (703) 217-5722 if you are interested and can't make the event!

We are in need of good used trikes, small bikes with training wheels, and big wheels. We also are looking for a rocking chair to use with our one year olds. We appreciate any donations.

Our last day of school for the school year is May 15<sup>th</sup>. We have enjoyed this year with our wonderful children. Come by and visit us anytime.

## Preschool Registrations

We are offering summer school classes this year for the following weeks: June 4, 11, 18, 25 and July 9, 16, and 23. The schedule is flexible and parents can choose their days each week. We look forward to exciting weeks with themes including: science, sports, dinosaurs, space, and camping. Call us for more information about our summer classes.

We are registering for fall classes which begin August 15<sup>th</sup>. Our annual Open House is Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30 p.m. We encourage visitors to come and tour the class rooms and meet our teachers. We offer classes for children from one year through Pre-Kindergarten age. Parents can choose the days their children attend as long as class space is available. One of our Pre-Kindergarten classes is a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoon class from 12:15-2:45 p.m. We also offer extended care from 7:30-9:00 a.m. (class time is 9:00-11:30 a.m.) and from 11:30 until 5:30 p.m. on an as needed basis. Call 378-2825 for more information.

## A Birthday Celebration for the Marthas'



Pictured front row left to right Martha Davis and Martha Graham. Back row -Pastor Brian and Pastor Gary.

The UMW held their general meeting in Fellowship Hall on April 3, 2012. They celebrated the birthdays of long time members, Martha Davis who was 100 on April 14<sup>th</sup> and Martha Graham who was 99 on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The church and historical society presented corsages and flowers to the ladies.

The Rev. Brian Campbell was the speaker for the afternoon showing slides of his mission trip to Mexico. He and Bob Welsch of FUMC traveled to Mexico to work with our missionaries, the Henderson's.

They helped install waterless toilets for the community, as well as, doing some painting. Because the area has very little rain, water is a sparse resource. They also helped place rocks where they could help with drainage and water conservation. Both men worked extremely hard and long hours. The men were extremely grateful for the cooler than expected weather.

The Henderson's have spoken to our congregation several times over the years.

After the mission trip presentation ice cream and birthday cake were served.

## Miriam Circle

The Miriam circle met at the home of Amy Kutch and enjoy Gloria Grant's wonderful lesson on how an 8 year old boy explains God, and an elderly minister perceives God. It was most up lifting and humorous at the same time. Sue Paris gave the devotions from the Book "If You Want to Walk on the Water you've Got to Get Out of the Boat", by John Ortberg. Members voted to give money for cleaning buckets for the devastation in Illinois and Indiana tornados. The money goes to UMCOR. Dessert was served.

## Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle met at the home of Jeri Ahlbrand on April 9, 2012. Linda Cutrell gave the program on card making and brought supplies for everyone to make a card and emboss it.

A short business meeting was held and the idea of supplying cleaning buckets for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center was discussed. Some members are planning to attend Lucille Raines Open House on Monday, April 16, and the district meeting in Greensburg on April 28, 2012.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Garlene Weisner. Katie Jerome is in charge of the program and Joyce Eikenbary will have the worship.

## Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle in the Blue Room of the church Monday evening, April 9, 2012 for its regular meeting. Georgianna Morrison, leader, opened the meeting, and then. Joyce Willis gave devotions. The program was presented by guest Delores Niemoeller who spoke about the Hot Meals program of the church which she has led for 21 years. They always need volunteers and now especially need someone to lead the program as Delores is retiring in June.

Following the program Georgianna led the business meeting. She related that in the UMW general meeting last week, Pastor Brian described his mission trip to Mexico. The group celebrated the birthdays of Martha Davis and Martha Graham with a cake and ice cream.

### Thank You!!!

Susan and Tammy would like to thank the following volunteers for their help in preparing the *Spire* for mailing – Lloyd & Susan Douglas, Leah Hooker, Jerry Hinderliter, and Jack & Joyce Piercefield.

## Drive for Mission Golf Outing



On Saturday, June 9 “high-handicappers” and “low-handicappers” will gather for a morning of golf, fellowship and mission support at Timbergate Golf Course.

Foursomes from FUMC, as well as, our fellow churches in the area are invited to play in the Drive for Mission Golf Scramble. Gathering time will be 8:00 a.m. with the first tee time at 8:28 a.m.

Besides the opportunity to be out on a beautiful golf course with new and old friends, there will be hole prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, and longest putt. Most important, proceeds from the outing will be donated to the mission project of choice of the winning foursome!

You don't have to be Bubba Watson to play in this outing! But you do have to want to have fun with folks from FUMC and other churches, as well as, to support mission.

Here's how to sign up.

Register by June 2 by calling Russ Davis at 812 379-9657 or emailing him at [russgail1962@sbcglobal.net](mailto:russgail1962@sbcglobal.net). Registration is \$40 per person. Build your own foursome or sign up and we will place you in a foursome.

See you in June!

## USED HEARING AIDS TO BETHLEHEM

*by Arleen Keele*

Jo and Jim Lucas of Columbus's First Presbyterian Church have recently returned from Bethlehem, where they delivered used hearing aids gathered from various churches and other sites here and across the U.S., including First Methodist.

Michael Rahil, Director of the Audiology Clinic at the International Center of Bethlehem exclaimed "Thank you!" Digital hearing aids can be re-programmed to assist some of the 3600 patients who came to the clinic in 2011, both adults and children. Due to restrictions on Palestinians' employment and travel, access to care is limited. The International Center, with Dr Mitri Raheb, a Lutheran Minister, as Director, provides invaluable services and hope to the population.

At FUMC, our collection container is on the table just outside the library door. (It's Tupperware-type, with a picture of Bethlehem.) If you or a loved one are no longer using your digital hearing aids or if you're thinking of upgrading, please consider donating to help others in the city of Jesus' birth.

## Become a New Giver and Double Your Gift!

You can join in the life-giving ministry of First Church. Become a supporter! Perhaps you'll give only a one time gift. Wonderful! Perhaps you will become a sustainer, giving regularly to support the ministries of First Church. Outstanding! Either way, your contribution gives life to this community and keeps ministry alive at 8th and Lafayette.

Become a supporter by contacting Tammy Fields at 372-2851 or email her at [tfields@fumccolumbus.org](mailto:tfields@fumccolumbus.org).

Giving money is easy and convenient.

1. Place your gift in the offering plate or basket at any worship event. (Envelopes for offerings are in the pew racks.)
2. You can hand your gift to the church office on Sunday mornings or anytime Monday –Friday.
3. You say you don't use checks or keep forgetting to bring them to church? Easy. We can arrange for electronic giving. Contact Tammy to set up this convenient way of supporting the vital ministries.

And right now, your gift means twice as much.

For a limited time, any gift from new supporters will be matched dollar.

It's a challenge!

Will you accept the challenge?

Start supporting ministry at First Church today.

Become a supporter.

## Our Church Family

### Deaths:

The church mourns the death of the following members:

Cecil Coons on March 28, 2012.  
Robert Wilson on April 19, 2012, husband of Connie.  
Janet Clark on April 21, 2012.  
Eva Bernice Diel on April 23, 2012.  
Lola Speer on April 25, 2012, wife of Ed and mother of Sandy Cantrell.

Our sympathy is extended to the following families:

Carolyn Trueblood on the death of her mother.  
Betty Nichols on the death of her sister.  
Debbie Fox on the death of her mother.  
Bev Ellis on the death of her niece.  
Sylvia and Fritz Kiel on the death of their son.  
Kathy Leitholt on the death of her aunt.

### Baptisms:

Coleman James Frasier, son of Sarah & Nathan Frasier, grandson of Jim & Nora Coleman and Jerry & Mary Frasier, was baptized on April 1, 2012.

Evelyn Parker Campbell, daughter of Ross & Jessica Campbell, granddaughter of Brian and Rachel Campbell was baptized on April 22, 2012.

## May Calendar

*(see room key on opposite page)*

### Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Trumpets Fore – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 104)  
DBSA – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 116)  
Girl Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (Rooms 310 – 316)  
Chancel Ringers – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

### Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Learning Tree Trike A Thon – 8:00 a.m. – (FH/PL)  
Praise Team Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Prayer Group – 12:00 Noon – (Martha's House)  
Faith Development – 6:30 p.m. – (CR)  
Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

### Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>

Small Group – 7:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study Fellowship Leaders – 6:45 a.m. – (MPR)  
C.A.R.E. – 12:00 Noon – (FH & PL)

### Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)  
Sunday School – 10:10 a.m. – (Rooms)  
Celebration Worship – 11:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)  
Luncheon W/ the Pastors – 12:00 Noon – (BR)  
Youth Group – 5:30 p.m. – (Room 316)  
Sounds of Joy – 6:00 p.m. – (Chapel)  
Sounds of Celebration – 6:00 p.m. – (MC)  
Bible Study with Melissa – 6:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. – (MPR)  
Hot Meals – 5:00 p.m. – (FH)  
Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (FH)  
Bible Study Fellowship – 6:55 p.m. – (Sanctuary & Rooms)  
Trustees – 8:00 p.m. – (CR)

### Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

LTP Teachers Breakfast – 8:00 a.m. – (Library)  
Missions – 5:30 p.m. – (CR)  
Trumpets Fore – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 104)  
Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (BR)  
Roundtable – 6:30 p.m. – (FH)  
Chancel Ringers – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

## May Calendar

Room Key: MC= Music Center, MPR = Multi-purpose Room, BR = Blue Room, CR =Conference Room, FH = Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Praise Team Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

LTP Board Mtg. – 12:00 Noon – (MPR)

Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

### Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Small Group – 7:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study Fellowship Leaders – 6:45 a.m. – (MPR)

Wedding – 5:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10:10 a.m. – (Rooms)

Celebration Worship – 11:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)

Youth Group – 5:30 p.m. – (Room 316)

Sounds of Joy – 6:00 p.m. – (Chapel)

Sounds of Celebration – 6:00 p.m. – (MC)

Bible Study with Melissa – 6:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. – (MPR)

Hot Meals – 5:00 p.m. – (FH)

Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (FH)

U.M. W. – 6:30 p.m. – (SFH)

Bible Study Fellowship – 6:55 p.m. – (Sanctuary & Rooms)

SPRC – 7:00 p.m. – (CR)

### Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Shawl Ministry – 10:30 a.m. – (BR)

Delta Kappa Gamma – 4:00 p.m. – (FH)

Trumpets Fore – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 104)

DBSA – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 116)

Girl Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (Rooms 310 – 316)

Chancel Ringers – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

Church Council – 7:00 p.m. – (MPR)

### Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>

U.M. W. – 1:00 p.m. – (BR)

Praise Team Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

Prayer Group – 12:00 Noon – (Martha's House)

Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

### Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Small Group – 7:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study Fellowship Leaders – 6:45 a.m. – (MPR)

### Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Confirmation Sunday

New Member Service

Traditional Worship – 9:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)

Sunday School – 10:10 a.m. – (Rooms)

Celebration Worship – 11:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)

Youth Group – 5:30 p.m. – (Room 316)

Sounds of Joy – 6:00 p.m. – (Chapel)

Sounds of Celebration – 6:00 p.m. – (MC)

Bible Study with Melissa – 6:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

Women's Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. – (MPR)

Hot Meals – 5:00 p.m. – (FH)

Boy Scouts – 6:30 p.m. – (FH)

Bible Study Fellowship – 6:55 p.m. – (Sanctuary & Rooms)

Rooms)

### Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Girl Scout Bridging – 6:30 p.m. – (FH)

Trumpets Fore – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 104)

Chancel Ringers – 7:00 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Praise Team Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

### Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

Small Group – 7:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Festival of Hymns

Presentation of Colors

Sunday School – 10:10 a.m. – (Rooms)

Celebration Worship – 11:00 a.m. – (Sanctuary)

Youth Group – 5:30 p.m. – (Room 316)

Sounds of Joy – 6:00 p.m. – (Chapel)

Sounds of Celebration – 6:00 p.m. – (MC)

Bible Study with Melissa – 6:00 p.m. – (BR)

### Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

MEMORIAL DAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Trumpets Fore – 6:00 p.m. – (Room 104)

### Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

Praise Team Rehearsal – 6:30 p.m. – (Sanctuary)

### Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

Chancel Choir – 7:00 p.m. – (MC)

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