



Loxley United Methodist Church

Church Family News

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DIME

The entire month of February is going to be a time of unique experiences each week

DO NOT MISS A SINGLE SUNDAY!

Crossing the Bar

Alfred Lord Tennyson

*Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,*

*But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.*

*Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;*

*For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar.*



THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Happy February 2012

I am excited about the year before us and pray that you are as well. Lynne and I had a great time in the Eastern Caribbean vacationing with a few friends. However, we finished our final island tour, in Barbados, and were blessed to make it back to the ship alive. If you were here Sunday, you know the details. Whew! As we press on into the year, February has a small thin dime, DIME, waiting on us. Plan on being there every Sunday in February to experience the full effect of the DIME project. Here is a little hint; the month begins and ends with different couples from the church sharing life changing experiences with all in attendance. Ok, one more thing the middle two weeks are no less exciting. This project is what you have been waiting for and has been in the making since last year.

A good transition from DIME is to share a story with you I read recently. Treasures of the Transformed Life, by John Ed Mathison (pages 110-111). At Frazer Memorial UMC (Montgomery), the folks attending church are asked to write down how many Sundays they will commit to attend each year. They do not take a special roll to hold them to this, but the truth is, they don't have to. John Ed mentions an ice storm blowing into town one Friday and the conditions were terrible for travel. Many churches and businesses announced their services being cancelled. John Ed said, he arrived at church earlier than normal to unlock doors and prepare for those individuals that would attend. An elderly woman was one of the first to arrive and John Ed was surprised. He commented that that he did not expect to see her since she had to have someone drive her, even on nice days. She just smiled and said when I signed my attendance card, I only marked down to miss 4 Sundays and this was not one of the 4. I didn't decide to come to church today, I decided it months ago. John Ed realized that she knew what many find out; eventually, if you wait until Sunday to decide if you are going to church, there will be a variety of obstacles that stop you from attending.

So, take a moment and make your own card. Get a calendar out and decide today the few Sundays you will miss, if any, and hold yourself accountable.

See ya Sunday, Jim

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

From Dr. James Moore's Grit, Grace and Gratitude Luke 19:1-10 November 18, 2001

(As he speaks of heart transplants he compares this to the story of Zacchaeus to new hearts)

Zacchaeus had the good sense to recognize that the coming of Jesus into Jericho that day was indeed a special occasion. There was urgency about it. He wanted to experience it firsthand. He wanted to see the master. He wanted to seize the moment, but it was a huge crowd and Zacchaeus was short. He couldn't see, but he was determined! He had the grit to climb that sycamore tree, and it paid off. Oh, my, did it ever!

Also, we see the spirit of true grit in Jesus. When Jesus saw Zacchaeus up in the tree, His heart went out to him. Jesus sensed the loneliness of Zacchaeus, and He went over and reached out to this despised tax collector with love and acceptance. Jesus knew full well that he'd be criticized for associating with Zacchaeus. He knew the people would gripe and grumble and gossip and complain, but with grit, Jesus seized the moment, and He turned Zacchaeus' life around.

Mark Trotter, a few years ago, told a beautiful story about a boy whose parents were missionaries to India. When the boy was 12 years old, his parents left him and his younger brother to go to India and take up their tour of duty there. Their intention was that once they got settled they would send for the boys. But shortly after they left America, World War II broke out. They couldn't get to the boys, and they couldn't get the boys to them. So the separation between the missionaries and their sons went on for something like eight years. When the war was over, the parents returned to America. Their oldest son was 20 years old and in college. He recalled how excited he was when he got the word that his parents would soon arrive in their hometown by train. The son got to the train depot early, even before the sun came up. When the train finally pulled in, the mother and father were the only ones who got off the train. The son wrote these words:

"I could barely see them in the haze, and they could hardly see me. We embraced in the semi-darkness. Then my mother took my hand and led me into the light of the waiting room. There were tears running down her cheeks as she looked at me. She kept looking at my face, staring hard. Then she turned to my dad and called him by name, 'Arnett,' she cried, 'he's gone and looked just like you! He looks just like you!'"

That happened to Zacchaeus spiritually that day. He came down out of that sycamore tree looking and sounding and acting like his Lord. Look at what he said. The very first thing he said was, "Lord, the half my goods I give to the poor." His greedy, selfish, diseased heart had been transformed. Now he had the heart of love, the heart of compassion, the heart of generosity, the heart of his Lord, all because he had the courage, the guts, the grit to seize the moment, all because he had the backbone to accept this new heart Christ could give him.

Well, how is it with you right now? Do you need a new heart? Do you? Do you have the courage, the backbone, the grit, to say yes to God? Every Sunday people sit in our churches, and they truly want God to touch their heart; they really do. But, sadly, many of them will turn and walk away. They'll put it off till another day because they can't find the strength to do something about it. They can't find the fortitude to step forward. There are times when we all need grit, the courage to seize the moment.

February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	2 6 PM Girl Scouts	3 3 PM Girl Scouts	4
5 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study	6	7 6 PM Boy Scouts	8 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	9 6 PM Girl Scouts	10 3 PM Girl Scouts	11
12 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study	13 6 PM Girl Scouts Service Unit	14 6 PM Boy Scouts 7.00 Admin. Board Meeting	15 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	16 6 PM Girl Scouts	17 3 PM Girl Scouts	18
19 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study 11 AM Blood Drive	20 6:30 PM UMW/UMM Meetings	21 6 PM Boy Scouts	22 6 PM Wed. Night Dinner 6:30 Youth Meeting 7 PM Choir Practice	23 6 PM Girl Scouts	24 3 PM Girl Scouts	25
26 8 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM Worship 6 PM Bible Study	27	28 6 PM Boy Scouts	29			

Those having Birthdays in February are:

February Birthdays

- 1st June Davison Carey
- 4th Pam Knight, John Chappell
- 6th Maddelyn Parrott
- 8th Eric Hall, Carla Godwin
- 11th Paige Mosley
- 12th Jeff Knight, Mary Martin
- 15th Rusty Waltman, Irvin Mosley
- 24th Jana Knight, Courtney Adams
- 26th Jarrett Hinote
- 28th Mary Kathryn Pierce

The following couples are celebrating their Anniversaries in February:

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| 7 th Anthony & Savana Crawford | 15 th Jim & Lynne Batchelor |
| 17 th Bruce & Krysti Nelson | 18 th Tom & Marti Hammitte |

February 2012

Acolytes

*February 5 Brody Wilson
 February 12 Hayley Aycock, Keri Hall
 February 19 Emily Sinclair
 *February 26 Cody Devine

Ushers

Duane & Marlene Felch
 Jerry Feazell & Bob Hughes
 Don Myrick & Valna Hinote
 Gordon Dyess & Irvin Mosley

If for some reason you cannot be present on the dates assigned to you, it is your responsibility to swap out with another person on the list. Be sure to call the church office to let them know in time to make the change in the church bulletin.

On communion Sunday four ushers may be needed, if so it is the responsibility of those assigned to draft two others.

Financial Report for the Month of January

January, 2012	Operating Budget	Building Fund	Designated Funds
Funds Needed	\$11,438.32	\$1820.00	
Total Collections	\$11,675.54	\$1820.00	
Over/(Short)			
Annual Budget 2012	\$11,438,32	\$1820.00	
Total Collections	\$11,675.54	\$1820.00	
Over/(Short)	\$237.22	\$0.00	

Please help ensure the Food Pantry stays well stocked by bringing a non-perishable food item to each Wednesday Night gathering. The more food in the pantry the more people we can help.

Anyone wanting to submit articles or items for the newsletter is encouraged to do so by sending them to lumcnews@gmail.com or give them to anyone on the Newsletter Team: Bob Hughes, Tom Hammitte, Pastor Jim, Barbara Davis, BD Thrasher or Eric Hall.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women would like to invite all the Ladies to join us the 3rd Monday of each month for a time of fun and fellowship @ 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall. All the ladies will be the hostesses this year. We will each bring a covered dish to share.

Upcoming events:

Baby Shower for Teri Lyn Wardrop – February 5, 2012 in the fellowship hall from 2 pm to 4 pm. It's a girl – Chloe Nicole – Colors are Hot Pink and Black – Registered at Target and BabiesRUs.

Baldwin County Spelling Bee – February 7, 2012 – Loxley Civic Center @ 4 pm – We will be providing snacks for the contestants.

Tapestry Event – February 24 & 25, 2012 @ Christ United Methodist church in Mobile, AL



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

In Chris' absence let me enter a small message for youth news. The Youth group had a great time at Meltdown 2012 as they were blessed with the many events that took place, in Panama City. Hundreds of young people gathered with one thing in mind, Jesus. Individual churches or denominations or the lack of religious affiliation were the least of anyone's concern. The theme was Jesus and lives were changed. A special thank you goes out to the adults who braved the storm of the youth retreat environment. Philip Hollis, Kelli McBride, Chelsea Knight, and Chris Mosley were responsible for getting our nine youth to and from Meltdown. As a family worshipping together and celebrating Jesus together, make a point to ask one of the youth that went what they got out of their weekend. Thanks Chris for your willingness to serve in this capacity



UNITED METHODIST MEN

United Methodist Men

February 17, 2012 is the date of our annual "Ladies Night Out". You have two weeks to sign up for this fabulous evening of entertainment. For only \$10.00 per person, you can reserve a spot in the dining hall. As usual, single women are able to attend at no cost but we must require you to sign up to enable the chefs to prepare the proper amount of food. The menu is as follows:

Starter/Appetizer - Mixed fruit or cup of soup (Chef's special) with a fresh crisp garden salad

Entree - Skinless/boneless chicken breast, sliced and prepared with the Chef's special marinade and rolled in a delicious combination of herbs, spices and cornmeal. Each piece fried to perfection and placed on a platter under our special heat lamps awaiting your arrival.

Accompanying your entree, you may choose from the following:

Broccoli (steamed to just the right texture)
Green beans (seasoned to perfection)
Corn (prepared in its own juice)
Mashed Potatoes (from Baldwin County & Idaho)

The folks who love you so have prepared a variety of desserts second to none as all. Your UMMen.

The dress is casual and as always there will be a drawing for an exquisite piece of jewelry that any women would be blessed to receive. The entertainment for the evening will be a surprise but you do not want to miss this evening of memories waiting to be made.



LUMC Music Notes for January 2012

Our fifth Sunday singing was a time of celebration and spirit filled worship as we gathered Sunday evening. Don had an arrangement of music that was blended to perfection. We heard from Angel and Martha Jo as they are always in harmony with one another. Irvin out did himself as he sang of Jesus walking on water and the video grabbed the attention of all in attendance. A surprise duo with Don and Barbara Jo singing along with Don's strumming on the guitar was soothing and yet inviting as many sang along with them. For all who were unable to attend you missed an evening of spirit filled entertainment and a real blessing under Don's leadership.

Way to go Don I am looking forward to our next fifth Sunday celebration on April 29, 2012.

Recipe of the Month

LUSCIOUS LEMON BARS

Dianne McCrary

2 1/4 c. all-purpose flour, divided

1/2 c. powdered sugar

1 c. butter, softened

4 eggs

2 c. sugar

1/3 c. lemon juice

1/2 tsp. baking powder

**additional powdered sugar
for sprinkling**

Preheat oven to 325°. Combine 2 cups flour and powdered sugar. Cut butter into flour mixture until crumbly. Firmly press mixture into a lightly greased 13x9 glass baking pan. Bake for 20-25 mins. Whisk eggs in a large bowl. Add sugar, lemon juice, 1/4 c. flour, and baking powder. Pour batter over warm crust. Bake for 25 mins. Let cool completely on a wire rack. Cut into bars and sprinkle additional powdered sugar on top.

The Apostles

Find the name of all the apostles hidden
in the puzzle below.

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Q	I	J	W							N	W	B	Y			

Andrew
Bartholomew
James
James Alpheus
John
Judas
Matthew
Matthias
Philip
Simon
Simon Peter
Thaddeus
Thomas

**Kids
Corner**

*This includes the 12
original apostles
and the one selected
to take Judas' place.*

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