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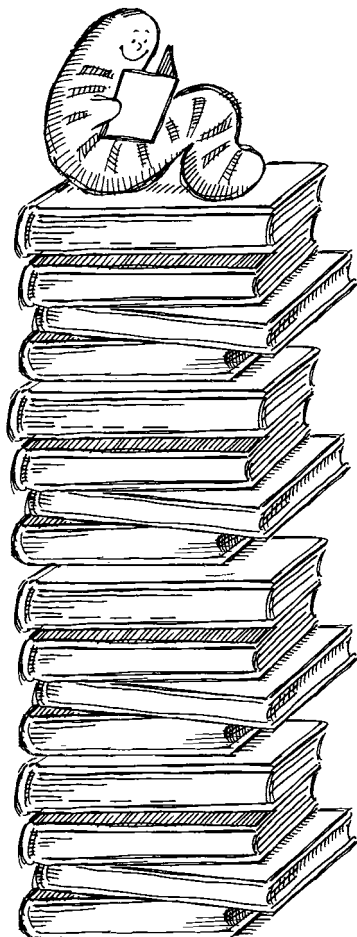
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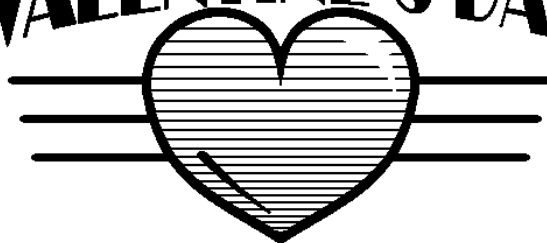
## Books for Uganda

When they begin their medical mission trip to Uganda on February 29, Bruce & Evonne Cunningham will be taking books with them for their new friends to read. Because English is their second language, easy reading books are preferable. They would love to have lightly used religious, inspirational, family friendly books. You may place your books into the marked box in the church office.



Thanks!

## VALENTINE'S DAY



### Relay for Life Silent Auction

- Donations are needed for auction items; if you have some things which would make a nice gift for someone, why not bring them down here to be auctioned for a great cause?
- Join our team! The JFUMC team is always looking for new members. Just speak to any of our current members: Sharon Bloodworth is our Team Captain, but you could also talk to Pat Borstorff, Keela Rowan, Debbie Moskowsky, Robbin Hodges, or Rachel Rogers.
- Former JSU Team members, we would love to have you, too!



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Silent Auction in the Parlor -  
Sunday, February 5 through Sunday February 12!



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# We Support First United Methodist Church

## By Our Gifts...

FINANCIAL INFORMATION *January 29, 2012*

Received this week.....\$4,687.00

Received to date.....\$41,829.30

Expenses to date.....\$44,814.67

## By Our Presence...

ATTENDANCE *JANUARY 29*

Traditional Worship 8:30 .....28

New Community.....102

Traditional Worship 10:50 .....129

Nursery .....11

Youth Wed. night.....23

Chapel .....41

**Total Worship.....334**

Sunday School.....138

## Christian Sympathy is extended to:

family of Antonio Phillips

family of Nicole Cannon

Jay Colvin and family in the loss of his uncle,  
Tim Doyle.

Logene Shelton and family in the loss of her  
husband, Jim.

## By Our Remembrances...

Memorials

**George Davis**

Zula Hollis

**Pat Poehler**

Zula Hollis

**Louise McEachin**

Zula Hollis

## By Our Prayers...

*(ALL CAPS denotes church members)*

Frank Boulemet

Jeanette Collins

Jonathan Crawford

Mr. Mundy

DOUG PETERS

Diane Ponder

Rebecca Robertson

A C SHELTON

ESTHER SHERMAN

Ruth Silvey

Leigh Ann Tafoya

ANN WOODROW

RANDY WOODROW

Ron Zyzelewski



## Pray for Those Who Serve our Country:

*If you have names and addresses for other military church members,  
please call the office: 435-6021.*

† Deployed overseas ‡ Home (in the States)

- SFC David Beard ‡
- MAJ JEFFREY BUCKNER ‡
- SFC Aaron Causey ‡
- MAJ Michael Dempsey ‡
- SGT Allen Frederick †
- PO2 Matthew Hamrick ‡
- CPT BRANDON MAYE ‡
- PFC David Pike ‡
- SFC Matthew Reid †
- SGT Garrett Rose ‡
- PVT Steven B. Sanders †
- PVT Arlis Saunders ‡
- 2LT MIKE SKINNER †
- MAJ MIKE THORNTON ‡
- SGT Benjamin C. Tomlinson ‡
- The 2025th Transport. Co. ‡
- PVT Jason Truell †
- The 115th Signal Bn †
- The 666th EOD Detachment †
- The 1312th Engr. Detachmt. †

- Feb. 5** Holy Communion at all services  
6p MSSM Class  
7p Youth Drama
- Feb. 6** 6p Disciple III
- Feb. 7** 7p Handbells
- Feb. 8** 8:30a Flame Volunteers  
9a JOY Together  
10:30a JOY Singers  
3:15p Crosswalk  
5:45p Crossfire Youth Worship  
6p Flames of Faith Prayer Group  
7p Bible Study  
7p Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Feb. 9** 9a Disciple III  
11a Warm Hearts Prayer Group
- Feb. 10** 9a Bridge Group  
9a Quilting Class

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|------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|                  | <b>8:30am</b>                    | <b>10:50am</b>                               |
| <b>Ushers:</b>   | Mike Limerick<br>Debbie Limerick | Jerry & Sandra Parker<br>Ken & Paula Hoffman |
| <b>Lay</b>       | Laurie Donovan                   | John Hammett                                 |
| <b>Leaders:</b>  | Rodney Hill                      |  |
| <b>Acolytes:</b> | Ragan Stokesberry                | Juliana Renfroe<br>Jilly Butner              |
| <b>Nursery:</b>  | Stacie Johnson                   | Kathy Colvin                                 |

**Devotion for JOY, Wednesday, February 8:**  
Carolyn Lynch

**Pastor on Call February 4 & 5:**  
Ted Anderson, 435-6892, 591-5666

February 2012						
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## Bulletin of the week bloopers

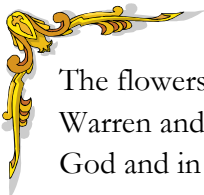
**ATTENTION:**

*We now have Lost & Found. If you have lost anything, please place it into the big, green box in the church office...*

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Readings for Sunday, February 5:

Scripture Reading	Jude 3
	2 Corinthians 5:17



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Warren and Glenna Huddleston to the glory of God and in honor of their friends at FUMC.

*Services This Week  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
Holy Communion at all Services*

**8:30 New Community Service**

John Simmons

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Sermon:** *Salvation Produces a Changed Life*

**8:30 Traditional Service**

Ted Anderson

**Scripture:** Jude 3

**Sermon:** *The Belief in the Old Time Spirit*

**10:50 Traditional Service**

John Simmons

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Sermon:** *Salvation Produces a Changed Life*



## Stacie Johnson

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### Sunday School Attendance Contest

Congratulations to the 3rd & 4th Grade Sunday School class for winning the attendance contest!

### Candy Grams!

Thank you to everyone who purchased a Candy Gram to support the Children's Ministry! There are still a couple of Candy Grams available. If you are interested in one, they are \$5. Please contact me as soon as possible.

### "Souper" Bowl Sunday

Help support JCOC and have a little fun predicting the outcome of the NFL Super Bowl. On February 5th, Super Bowl Sunday, the Brownies Girl Scout Troop will be teaming up with JCOC to help take up financial donations (loose change, bills, or checks) to help JCOC purchase some needed items for the pantry. The Brownies will have collection jars located in the upstairs hallway by the Sanctuary, and the downstairs MAC lobby after the 8:30 services and before and after the 10:50 service. Just place your donations in the team jar you think will win the Super Bowl! It's that easy to help out!

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### Confirmation

Please pray for the Confirmands as they embark on this journey.

The 2012 Confirmands are:

Jacob Francis

Erin Leathrum

Scott Leathrum

Juliana Renfroe

Ragan Stokesberry

### Attention 5th Graders!

Over the next 8 weeks you will be joining Mrs. Kristi's Sunday school class while the 6th graders participate in Confirmation. Please go to her classroom at the start of Sunday school.

Mrs. Stacie

Kids 1<sup>st</sup>  
(256) 782-0388



### Jennifer Thomas

Kids 1st Coordinator

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I once knew a man who absolutely refused to go to church. He was "a good man." He was polite, respectful, kind, generous, loyal, honest, and every other wonderful adjective you could think of to describe a person. His only downfall was that he did not want to talk about church or have anything to do with it or "those people." I learned later on in life that he'd had a very bad experience with a group of Christians. You know the ones I'm talking about... the ones

who think you have to convict and condemn someone into Heaven. Somewhere along the way, I think they missed the whole part of the salvation story that teaches us how much God loves us and wants us to love others.

Don't get me wrong, there is conviction in the Spirit. How else would we know that we're wrong? But the center of our belief is love because God is love. Given the choice, would you rather God smack you in the face with the truth, or gently guide you along the way? Do you want to be "one of those people" or would you rather just be a Christian? I saw a sign the other day that pretty much sums it up for me. It read, "God wants spiritual fruit, not a bunch of religious nuts." Remember the song, "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our love?" I am happy to report that God sent a loving, inviting Christian into the man's life, who was able to change his perception of church and Christianity. And I think we should make it our goal to be the fruits, not the nuts!

Mrs. Jennifer



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“Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness. Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.” This is Psalm 150, one of my personal favorites because of its emphasis on music. There is no wrong way to worship. Gospel music, country, pop, R&B, and heavy metal music are all used to praise God, and just because you have your own personal preference of music doesn’t mean that other genres can’t reach other people in the same way.

“Now I’m in our secret place. Alone in Your embrace. Where all my wrongs have been erased. You have forgiven. All the promises and lies. All the times I compromise. All the times You were denied. You have forgiven.”

These are pretty powerful lyrics that we can all relate to.

We’ve all felt this way: absolutely in awe of God’s forgiving grace. “I get down

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on my knees. Feel Your love wash over me. There will never be another. You’re the only one forever. And You know, I’m Yours alone.”

Sound familiar? These are all lyrics from “Forgiven” by Skillet. Skillet’s not exactly the kind of artist you’ll hear during a church service; they are definitely a hard rock band, but if you didn’t recognize the lyrics as theirs, would you have thought it was from a hard rock song? I didn’t.

Even though we’re Christians, that’s not a guarantee that life is going to be easy and we’re going to be happy all the time; we’re just guaranteed that we’ll have someone there to suffer alongside us.

Sometimes we need a head banging song, a way to express those hard times. So don’t judge a metal album by its cover. : D

Live, Laugh, Love,  
Katie Cline

## Announcements

The Encounter meeting this Sunday has been moved from 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm due to the Super Bowl.

Youth Super Bowl party will start at 5:00 pm; bring either a drink or a side item to share. Pizza and wings will be provided as well.



Holy Communion at all services

### Communion for Shut-Ins

Joe Holliman and Laurie Donovan will be taking holy communion to our shut-in members after the 8:30 am service. They would love for you to join them. If you would be willing to participate in communion with these members, please meet in Ted’s office no later than 10:20 am.

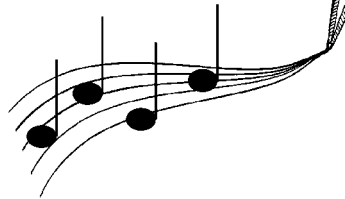


## youth retreat

February 17-19

Mark your calendars and make your plans!

# A Note from the Minister of Music



## Music Notes from Dan

I thought that I would share with you some of the things that are happening in the Music Ministry.

First, I would like to inform you about a brand new church committee appropriately named “The Music Committee.” The idea of a Music Committee has been around for a while and was brought to fruition in November of last year. This committee has representatives from all areas of the music ministry and serves as an adjunct committee of the Staff Parish Relations Committee. In other words the Music Committee recommends to the SPRC and has authority to implement as granted by SPRC with the participation of the Senior Pastor. Bringing all elements of the FUMC music ministry under the umbrella of one committee should sim-

plify the tasks of coordination and managing standards for all ensembles as well as helping to seek answers to other issues regarding the music ministry.

All of the documentation concerning the Music Committee is too lengthy to state here. However, I do offer the following from the document creating the Music Committee as approved by SPRC for your information:

### Responsibilities:

1. To plan and to coordinate music for special joint worship services and other events that include all or a portion of the church’s music groups/ensembles, and to submit these plans and recommendations to the pastor in charge.
2. To establish policies that govern the scheduling of outside performers in the worship services and to serve as a review resource for the evaluation and/or approval of these performers.
3. To periodically review the requirements and uses of the music programs of the church with the express purpose of:
  - A. providing opportunities for training and growth of all levels of musical development;
  - B. to provide opportunities for interaction between the various worship units of the church by promoting the occasional interchange of music groups between these services;
  - C. assisting with occasional last minute needs of a musical nature as they occur;
  - D. to consider and recommend any change in the established structure of the music ministry of the church when circumstances indicate that a change could be a positive action for the good of the overall congregation/ membership and
  - E. to serve as an advisory and/or evaluative resource for the SPRC/Pastor in the event a paid music position should be vacated and a replacement is to be hired.

This document, as well as a Statement of Purpose authored by the Music Committee, is available to anyone to who wishes to peruse them.

The Music Committee has recommended and had approved a proposal to reestablish a Children’s Choir. Cassie Bowen has been named its director.

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This ensemble was discontinued last year with plans to start up after one year. The “new” Children’s Choir is not associated with the music activities unit established under Crosswalk and will fall separately under the umbrella of the Music Committee. While the Crosswalk unit, under the oversight of the Children’s Director, is categorized as an activities group, the newly established Children’s Choir, while based on the enjoyment of participation, will have standards of music education and participation in musical events and worship services, traditional and New Community.

We need your help on this task. We are requesting input from any of you, parents, children, or just interested folks on how to proceed. So, talk to us, me, the pastor, especially Cassie. What do you think the standards should be for the Children’s Choir? As a parent, what would you like to see in the way of a Children’s Choir? These and many other questions need your input to us as we try to get this most important element of the music ministry going. When we have enough input we will work out rehearsal times, etc.

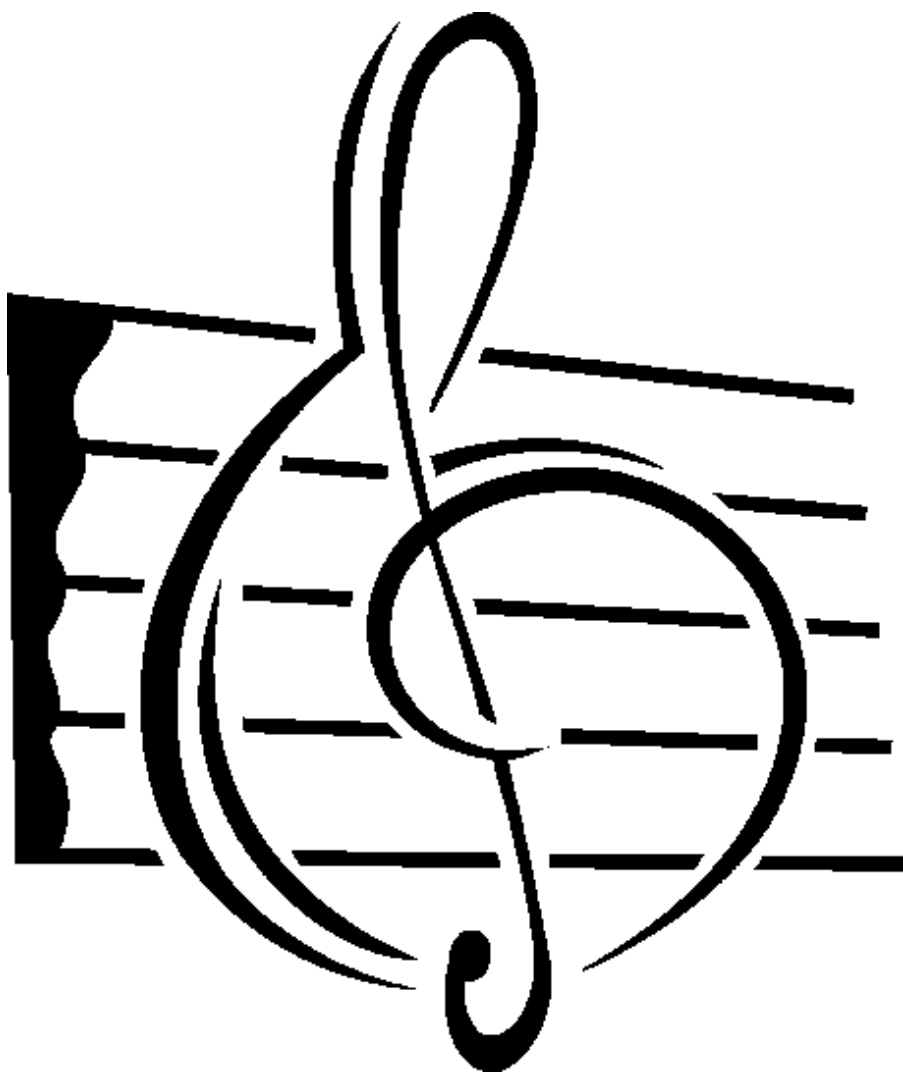
Other ideas being considered but not approved are: How best to use our newly acquired and expanded hand bells and chimes over the whole age spectrum of our church. Children’s Hand Bells, maybe? Maybe a Youth Handbell choir. Older folks like me? Maybe an adult handbell choir from New Community. Establishing an instrumental ensemble for folks of both school age and post school age who have learned a band instrument and who wish to

serve the church in this manner. Grayson Lawrence, a band director and member of our church, has expressed an interest in directing this ensemble. How are we going to do it? I don’t know. Maybe one step at a time. Will all our dreams come true? Probably not. But we will never know unless we try.

There you have it. More than you never wanted to know about the Music Committee. If you have questions talk to me or Steve Boullemet.

SING-cerely,

Dan Marsengill



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*Psssssst!...*

*Be SURE to attend Sunday School on February 12. That's when the Candy Grams will be delivered. You'd hate to miss getting yours!*

Annual P & S Rummage Sale  
Saturday, March 3  
7am to 12 noon



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Weekly Wesley Wisdom

**Did you know?**  
John Wesley was the fifteenth of eighteen children, eight of whom died in infancy.

**WORSHIPTIMES**

Traditional - 8:30 & 10:50 am  
Contemporary - 8:30 am  
Sunday School - 9:45 am



Relay for Life Auction in the Parlor!