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The deadline for our next Centenary Messenger is Sunday, February 21st and it will be mailed out on February 25th. Please email your articles, prayer requests, or news to the church office by the deadline. Thanks!

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

“All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground”.

Nehemiah 8: 1, 5-6

This scripture presents how God's word moves from the abstract to the actual ways in which the word becomes real. God's word becomes a lived experience of believers.

Nehemiah 8 describes the dramatic scene of Ezra's reading the law upon the return of the exiles from Babylonian captivity. Long separated from the faithful hearing and practice of God's word, the people gathered in intense spiritual hunger.

As the Torah was opened and blessed, “all the people answered, ‘Amen, Amen,’ lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.”

Such respect for the word of God Expresses an uncommon hunger and a keen readiness to hear and receive. Their need prepared the people to be moved by the word, transformed by its searching power.

In a time of change and uncertainty, today's believers show a renewed hunger for God's word. Christians are again taking up Bible reading and devotional study.

We study God's word every Wednesday night. We, as a church, gather in the fellowship hall on Wednesdays around 5 pm for dinner and after dinner at 6 pm we study God's word. We have a great time together as we hear God's word and share our faith.

If you are not with us on Wednesdays I invite you to join in during this special time to get in touch with God's Word and transformed by its searching power. We are reading the book of **Exodus** in preparation for the season of Lent. See you on Wednesdays!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Jack

FEBRUARY EVENTS

Monday, February 1

10am – UMW Board
12n – covered dish luncheon

Sunday, February 7

“Souper Bowl” Sunday
(canned goods/non-perishable items)
3pm – Magnolia House (Pastor Jack and Youth)

Tuesday, February 8

10am – UMW Circle #45
6:30m – Valentine dinner

Tuesday, February 9

7pm – UMW Evening Stars (C. Smith)

Wednesday, February 3, 10, 24

5pm – Dinner
6pm – Bible study
7pm – Prayer service and/or Choir practice

Sunday, February 14

3pm – Magnolia House (Porter class)

Tuesday, February 16

12N – UMW Circle #1 (F.H.)
7pm – Church Council

Wednesdays, February 17

5:00pm - Dinner
6:00pm – Ash Wednesday service
7:00pm – Choir Practice

Thursday, February 18

12N –JOY Club luncheon

Sunday, February 21

3pm – Magnolia House (UMW)

Saturday, February 27

6:30pm – Meals on Wheels fundraiser
w/Tallahassee Boys’ Choir (National Guard Armory)

Sunday, February 28

3pm – Magnolia House (Pairs & Spares and Young Adults)

JOY CLUB

Mark your calendar for our next luncheon and bring a friend on **Thursday, February 18 at 11:45am** (\$5).

UMM

Come to the annual Valentine dinner on **Monday, February 8 at 6:30pm**. **ALL** ladies are invited. Please RSVP.

UMW

The Executive Board will meet at **10am** on **Monday, February 1st**, with the quarterly covered dish luncheon following at **12 noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Georgie Reffner, our Parish Nurse and founder of “The Medicine Chest” ministry here in Gadsden County, will be our guest speaker. All ladies of the church are invited to come and bring a friend.

Dianne Bass
President

MEALS ON WHEELS FUND-RAISING

The Gadsden Senior Citizens Center, under the new direction of Becky Gregory, has secured the help of the Tallahassee Boys’ Choir to procure funds for the Meals On Wheels program in Gadsden County.

On Saturday, February 27th, the Boys’ Choir will be performing at the National Guard Armory, 2049 Pat Thomas Parkway, with all proceeds going directly to Gadsden Senior Services’ Meals On Wheels Program.

Mr. Earle Lee, Jr., directs this choir of 90 young men, ranging in age from 8 to 18. The Florida State University School of Social Work has sponsored this group since its inception in 1995. They have performed at the halftime of a Dallas Cowboys game, at the inaugurations of FL Gov. Jeb Bush and of President Obama, for Pope John Paul II’s millennium celebration in Italy, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and in other locations all over the world.

When Mr. Lee visited the Center, and learned about the waiting list for Meals On Wheels, and the inadequate funding for people who qualify, he decided that all proceeds from this event would go to Gadsden Senior Services.

Individual tickets purchased prior to the event will be \$20 each. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, January 25th. Advance tickets sales will end on Monday, February 22nd. If purchased at the door, individual tickets will be \$25 each.

You may purchase tickets from Ellen Watson or Marjorie Morgan.

KNIT FOR KIDS SWEATER SUNDAY

A special THANKS to all who contributed to our UMW Knit for Kids sweater project! YOU gave \$72.19! Children all around the world are warmed, not just physically, but heart and soul, by your gifts. We have, now, sent 179 sweaters and about 12 caps and scarves. That is GREAT!

Thank you, **knitters**, for your response to our project! You have given of your time and talents to children in need. I know you are blessed, as well!

Just for information, Guideposts has been able to distribute these sweaters with the help of World Vision, Feed the Children, Samaritan’s Purse, Children’s Hunger Fund, and WINGS to children in our own country and all around the world. World Vision has now been entrusted with the Knit for Kids program, to place the sweaters directly into the hands of children in need.

Thanks again,
Marjorie Morgan
Social Action Chair, UMW

2010 U.S. CENSUS TO BEGIN

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau advises people **to be cooperative, but be cautious**, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft.

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have **a badge, a handheld device, a**

Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge. They are, currently, only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information**, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. **You only need to tell them how many people live at your address.**

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as salary range, **you don’t have to answer anything at all about your financial situation.** The U.S. Census Bureau has decided to **not** work with ACORN on gathering this information. **The Census Bureau will not contact you by e-mail**, so be aware of e-mails claiming to be Census workers and seeking your personal identification....**don’t open any attachments or click on any links if you receive any e-mails claiming U.S. Census representation.**

Eventually, U.S. Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at your home.

For your information,
Marjorie Morgan
Social Action Chair, UMW

YOUTH NEWS

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, February 7** to bring your can goods and non-perishable items for “Souper Bowl” Sunday (bars of soap are also needed) which are given to the food/clothing closet at First Presbyterian Church.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

On February 17th, we will be beginning the Lenten Season. How quickly we go from one season to another. We are preparing for our music for the Lenten and Easter seasons. I hope to see some new faces singing with us this year. We will be singing some old favorites and some new music. We will need our hand

bell ringers to assist the choir with some of our music. If you are interested in ringing with us please call the Choir room. We will set a time for rehearsals and begin soon.

Our Chancel Choir cantata will be presented on Palm Sunday, March 28th during the morning Worship Service. Put that date on your calendar now in anticipation of a very inspiring presentation.

During Holy Week, the First Presbyterian and CUMC Choirs will be singing together for the Maundy Thursday Communion Service, in our sanctuary.

There is much to look for during the upcoming seasons. Be sure to be in your pew listening to the sounds of Our Lord's Passion and Resurrection. See you in Church!

Lucy Whitehead

DAY ON CAMPUS

Come visit your Children's Home for their annual DAY ON CAMPUS, **Saturday, March 20, 2010 in Enterprise, FL.** The program will feature trolley tours, children singing, campus tours and lunch under the tent. This is an event for all church congregations within the NW District. A trip is being planned to travel down on **Friday, March 19**, spend the night at the Life Enrichment Center (Leesburg) and then drive over to the Children's Home on Saturday morning. Cost is \$55/person which includes lodging for one night, dinner on Friday night and breakfast Saturday morning. Contact Lynne Greco (627-34980 or call the church office (627-9226 x21) if you would like to attend.

FEBRUARY AT MAGNOLIA HOUSE

Come and join us on **Sunday** afternoons at **3pm** for worship and fellowship with our friends at Magnolia House. The following groups will host as follows:

- Feb. 7** – Pastor Jack and Youth
- Feb 14** – Porter class
- Feb 21** – UMW
- Feb 28** – Pairs and Spares and Young Adult class

FEBRUARY Birthday

- 1 Bill Hubbard
- 3 Langley Dickeson
Dewey Jetton, Jr.
- 4 Jack Harnett
Ed Saccio
- 5 Charlotte Whittle
- 6 Julia Bates
Jennifer Miller
- 7 Benjamin Fletcher
- 8 Marian Shook
- 10 Roger Griswold
Carole Pallister
- 11 Dana Jacobs
- 13 Heather Watson
- 14 Norman McMillan
- 17 Jim Durrwachter
Elise Munroe
Mildred Musgrove
Debbie Whiddon
- 19 Dick Suber
- 20 Charles Gee
Tony Parramore
Murray Seay
Sandra Whetstone
- 21 Patrick Higdon
- 24 Isabella Collier
Lyle Wright
- 27 David Michelsen

FEBRUARY Anniversary

- 2 Frank & Janet Broen
- 15 Raymond & Marian Hurst
- 20 Buddy & Susie Johnson

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Pauline Brown
- Ann Duck
- Patrick Fletcher
- Judy Greenwald
- Angus Hinson
- Marian & Raymond Hurst
- Jean Little
- Mary Neal Nixon
- Lucille Smith
- Richard Sprenkel

It is our intent to leave names on the prayer list for 1 month. If there is further need, call the church office.

Also, those men and women serving in our military overseas: Steven Ferguson, Kenneth Gainey, John Hall, T. Lance Hines, Monte Jackson, Jimmy Killinger, Jonathan Rodriguez.

Our heartfelt sympathies to Anita Burchnell and family on the recent loss of her brother, **Fred Carman** who died January 21, 2010.

NEW PEW BIBLES

It's time to replace our old and worn pew bibles! Approximately 120 new pew bibles are needed in the sanctuary. There is an order form to purchase these bibles in honor of or in memory of your loved ones at a cost of **\$20/each** (LARGE print). In order to give everyone an opportunity to purchase these bibles, we ask that you **limit your purchase to 10 bibles per family**. A nameplate will be placed in each bible with the information about your memoriam and/or honorarium. Thank you for participating.



New LARGE print pew bibles are needed in the sanctuary. The bibles may be given in honor or memory of someone at a cost of **\$20** each. A nameplate will also be placed in that bible if you so desire.

Please use the order form below, and PRINT the information the way you want it to appear. Payment should be enclosed with your order. **(limit of 10 bibles per family)**

This bible is given in **honor of:**

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

or in **memory of:**

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

Given by:
