



March

2011

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A N O T E F R O M O U R P A S T O R

Ash Wednesday is March 9, at which time will begin the 40 day season of Lent. It is a time of searching of self, of penitence, of prayer for God's guidance and mercy. Lent is famous for the end of Mardi Gras and for "giving up something for Lent". Too often, we trivialize its meaning and importance. As Jesus led the disciples to and through the Passion, so He leads us. What can we do to ready ourselves? What can we do to ready ourselves for the loving sacrifice of the Cross? And to be able to grasp and proclaim the good news of Easter morning: "He is alive!"?

We associate Lent with self-denial. Linda will often ask me what I am going to give up. My standard "sacrifices" are meatloaf and squash, two of the plagues that the Lord unleashed on Egypt. I will occasionally give up something like French fries and/or chips. Let me interject here that Sundays are "free" days. On Sundays we celebrate the Resurrection and self-denial has no place in celebration.

If you give up something, work on some vice or habit that limits who you are, that limits your capability to be who God wants you to be, that interferes with receiving God's love. Put away pettiness, gossip (extremely hard for preachers at this time of year), selfishness. You know who you are and what needs to be addressed.

I believe that there may be some more positive opportunities that will help us. Let me suggest that you look for something positive to do in Lent, and/or, if you give up a dessert at lunch, or a multi-mocha-choca-wata decaf coffee, you look for some positive use for that money, like a mission project or hunger ministry, like Graceworks.

These are some suggestions for this 40 days in Lent:

- 1) *Prayer.* Take time in your praying to let God love you and to reveal His blessings. Pray for someone you have trouble loving. Pray for that person's well-being, for God's blessings, for family..It is amazing what 40 days of prayer can do to a relationship.
- 2) *Bible reading.* I hope many of you have accepted my challenge to read through the Bible in 2011. One of your disciplines, whether you have begun or not, is to add the discipline of Bible reading. Try reading the entire New Testament, or the Psalms, or some other plan you develop. Your life will be enriched, and God will bless you.
- 3) *Church attendance.* This is the interesting one. Wouldn't it be interesting if the regular attendees at church made a determined effort to be at church each of the six Sundays in Lent. That means the once a month and the occasional if-nothing-else-is-going-on got up on those six Sundays and made it to church like they promised God they would. I believe they would be blessed and you would see an excitement in the church that God wants, and that we need.

So, there you have it. Do not trivialize Lent. Treat it with the respect it needs, and find something meaningful for those 40 days — and hide the meatloaf and squash.

Pastor Jim

MISSIONS & MINISTRIES

MISSION TEAM

Coffee Chapel – Saturday, April 2

On Saturday April 2, 6-8pm, our first Coffee Chapel will be held in the Fellowship Hall and hosted by your Guatemala Team. This will be an informal time to fellowship with other Christians, listen to music by musicians from our community (James Cole will play and sing Guatemalan songs), munch on snack food, and enjoy your favorite coffee drink. There will be time to pray, share our faith stories, and be encouragers. You may choose to do this with a small group, another individual, or the larger group. Come and enjoy Christian fellowship and worship in a relaxed atmosphere. Donations will be used by your



Guatemala Team in their efforts to offer God's love to those less fortunate through providing Bible study, VBS, addressing health conditions, often providing bare necessities, and construction/repairs of houses, schools, churches, orphanages, etc..

One Great Hour of Sharing - Sunday, April 3 for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

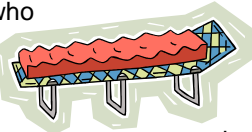
One Great Hour of Sharing is one of six church wide Special Sunday offerings. It enables the **United Methodist Committee on Relief** to live out its mission to alleviate human suffering. It is the humanitarian arm of the United Methodist Church, and this offering underwrites all administrative costs, which means that every penny of every gift you make to a specific UMCOR project will be spent on that specific project — not on office administrative costs. This enables UMCOR to often be first responders to natural or human-made disasters. This special offering assures humanitarian ministries are available in the U.S. and across the globe in 81 countries.

- Sylvia Bowvier
Mission Team Chair

ROOM IN THE INN

From the Room in the Inn Main Office:

The Room in the Inn community offers thanks to all of the congregations and volunteers who take part in the life-saving ministry of Room in the Inn. During this winter's extreme weather, many of you have gone the extra mile to take in extra guests or add additional nights of shelter. Your dedication and sacrifice serve as a witness to God's loving care. You continue to bless your guests as well as the greater community with your generosity.



Hosts for March:

March 14 - Youth

March 28 - Emmaus Class

For more Missions, see Young Hearts and UMYF!

Jacob's Ladder Sponsors
Community Education Event

*Balancing Media in a
Complicated World:
Practical practices and useful
resources for parents and
caregivers*



Melanie Gordon, Director of Ministry with Children for the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, has graciously agreed to do a parent and educator's training here at NFUMC. Her topic is one of extreme importance to

all who face decisions about the use of media in today's fast-paced society, no matter the age of their children. Here is a brief description of her presentation:

In this world of mp3's, social networking and mobile everything, how can parents, grandparents, guardians, and caregivers support the healthy development of the children in their care? Let's discuss sound ways to equip our children to live in this world of technology safely and healthfully.

Melanie earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clemson and a Masters of Church Ministries from Duke Divinity School. Prior to serving on the General Board of Discipleship, Melanie taught preschool through 8th grade, theater, and technology. She writes a weekly blog on children's issues http://blogs.gbod.org/younger_children/ and directs FOCUS, the quadrennial international conference for those engaged in ministries for children.

We are most fortunate to have her as a speaker/facilitator. Please mark your calendar for Monday evening, April 11, 6:30pm. Members of the community are invited to join us for this educational presentation.

-Terri Anderson

Director
jacobsladder@nolensvilleumc.org

*Let us come before Him with
thanksgiving...*

- ✧ Maddie Mucci was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to Murray State.
- ✧ The 2011 budget has been passed.

Submit your thanksgivings to the front office by the 25th to be included in the next newsletter.

NURTURE & EVANGELISM

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16:24)

Ash Wednesday will soon be here. For many Christians it signifies the beginning of a time of sacrifice, self denial, or intentional change in behavior as they anticipate both the crucifixion of Christ and His victory over the grave. In the past we have placed a roughly hewn cross in front of the church on which members of the community could tie ribbons symbolizing prayers of adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication.

Several weeks ago, I discovered the "prayer cross" laying in a state of decay in front of the storage area for Jacob's Ladder playground equipment. For over a week I chose to ignore it, walking around it to have access to the preschool toys. Finally, in a fit of anger over the inconvenience of the cross, I stooped to pick it up. My agitation only increased as I struggled to remove the heavier than expected "obstacle" until I finally wept, realizing the significance of what I was experiencing.

Christ carried the cross experiencing a burden we will never carry. In return, Christ asks so little of us. While we may not literally take up a cross this Lenten season, we can take on a time of reflection daily to seek God's will for our life. We can prayerfully seek what God is calling us to do to nurture His people, to spread the Gospel, and to win followers of Christ.



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR

NFUMC is fortunate, once again, to be hosting The African Children's Choir on May 11 and May 12. The children, ages 7 to 11, will be performing that Wednesday evening at our church. Details will be forthcoming, but right now we are taking names of those families who desire to host several of the children and their chaperones. Responsibilities would include taking the children to your home after the concert Wednesday night, serving breakfast Thursday morning, taking them back to the church after breakfast, taking the children back to your home Thursday night, serving breakfast Friday morning, and taking them back to the church with a packed lunch.

If you are interested in hosting or if you need further information, please contact Mike or Sherry Walsh at 776-2271 or send an email to: Walsh2271@hotmail.com. Thanks for your help!



We are looking for a volunteer or two to help design our new directory. If you like to scrapbook, you may be the one! Please contact the front office

MISSION TO GUATEMALA

For the past few years, teams of missionaries have represented our church as Volunteers in Mission, joining the West Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church in Guatemala doing a combination of construction and Bible School. They have worked on churches, built homes, and even put major additions on a school while taking time to spread the gospel and be in fellowship with families who live in extreme poverty.



Interest is growing in the area of global missions, and we have approximately ten youth and adults who have expressed interest in going this summer. In the past, our missionaries have had to cover their own expenses. Since there are so many this year, we wish to earn our funding as a mission team - working together as a single body. Please keep an eye on your emails and Sunday bulletins for jewelry parties, carwashes, and much, much more!



American Red Cross
The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood."

**Red Cross
Blood Drive
March 17
2:15-7:15pm**

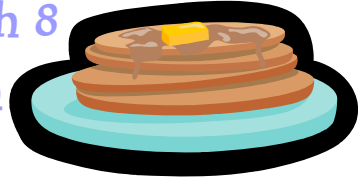
Nolensville Community Blood Drive
Thursday, March 17
2:15pm - 7:15pm
Located at Nolensville First
United Methodist Church
Schedule your appointment at
www.redcrossblood.org using code
Nolensville or call (615) 519-8494
by March 16.
For questions about eligibility,
call (866) 236-3276.



SUNDAYS AT CHURCH

All volunteer schedules (including updates!) are on the website under "Calendars."

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 8
5:30-6:30pm



Ash Wednesday
Service
March 9, 7pm

Shrove Tuesday: The Pancake Fest

Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the ritual of shiving, when the faithful confessed their sins to the local priest and received forgiveness before the Lenten season began.

As far back as 1000ad, "to shrive" meant to hear confessions. (Trivia note: the term survives today in the expression "short shrift" or giving little attention to anyone's explanations or excuses.)

Historically, Shrove Tuesday also marked the beginning of the 40-day Lenten fasting period, when the faithful were forbidden to consume meat, butter, eggs, or milk.

However, if a family had a store of these foods they would certainly spoil by the time the fast ended on Easter Sunday. What to do? Solution: use up the milk, butter and eggs no later than Shrove Tuesday. And so, with the addition of a little flour, the solution quickly presented itself in... pancakes.

Today, the Shrove Tuesday pancake tradition lives on in Western Europe, the United States, Canada and Australia. It is most associated with the UK, where it is simply known as Pancake Day with a traditional recipe that looks to all the world more like a French crepe rather than the 'mile-high' stack so popular on National Pancake Day in America.

We need volunteers to provide altar flowers in March!

**SECOND SUNDAY
BREAKFAST**

The **Believers** class is responsible for set-up, drinks, and clean up on March 13, at 9:15am. Please remember that the class responsible for Second Sunday breakfast is also requested to provide cookies, donuts, or other snacks for all other Sundays of that month.



**SPIRITUAL FORMATION
& WORSHIP**

Areas in need of volunteers:

Ushers

Acolytes

Flowers (see page 4)

Coordinator of Children's Message at 8am

Nursery Volunteers

Children's Message Volunteers

Children's Church Volunteers

Sound Board Operator (back up)

PowerPoint Operator (back up)

If you wish to help out with any of these important parts of our services, contact Lisa Dickey at wayne.lisad@comcast.net or 283-8828.

**MARCH
SCRIPTURE**

March 6 - Transfiguration Sunday

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Ex 24:12-18

Ps 99

2 Pet 1:16-21

Matt 17:1-9

March 9 - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Ps 51:1-17

2 Cor 5:20-6:10

Matt 6:16-16-21

March 13 - First Sunday in Lent

Gen 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Ps 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matt 4:1-11

March 20 - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4

Ps 121

Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

March 27 - Third Sunday in Lent

Ex 17:1-7

Ps 95

Rom 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy almost spring everyone! I do not think there is one person that is not ready for this winter to be over with — it has been a long one!

First off, I would like to thank Angie Jeffries for approximately sixteen years of Sunday School teaching. Angie taught her last class on February 27. I started working and teaching with Angie in 2008 and I have really enjoyed spending time with her on Sunday mornings. If you have had Angie as a teacher or your children or grandchildren have had her, tell her thanks for all she has done for the children that have come through her Sunday School door over the years.

Since Angie has retired from teaching Sunday School, I am now looking for someone who would like to rotate with me teaching the preschool class. Now, I do not have any scientific tests to back me up, but I will tell you working with our preschoolers will keep you young. It might not get rid of wrinkles like Botox does, but it sure makes you feel young when you are playing, singing songs, dancing, using puppets and sharing God's word with them. The rotation schedule could be set to rotate by month or by quarter. Please call me at (615) 223-6780 or email me at jtpickett76@comcast.net to let me know you want to join the Sunday School team.

Here is a link that parents can go to for more activities they can do with their children each week that go along with the Faithweaver Sunday School lessons: <http://teachersupport.group.com/faithweaver/homeconnect>

-Theresa Pickett
Sunday School Superintendent
jtpickett76@comcast.net

FLOWERS

Do you enjoy arranging flowers, but were afraid to help with the altar flowers because you didn't know how to do it?

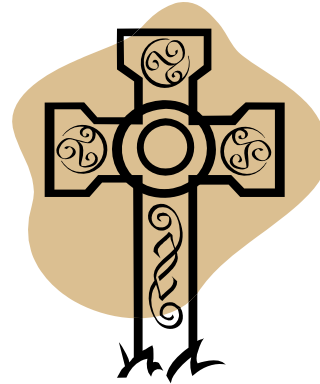
Just follow these easy steps!

- ✘ *Sign up for a Sunday in the front hallway*
- ✘ *You can do one arrangement or two*
- ✘ *Use your vases or the brass vases at the church (kept in the Handbell/Volunteer room)*
- ✘ *Deliver the flowers before the 8am service*
- ✘ *Take the flowers home after the 10:30am service*



NURSERY

We are in need of nursery volunteers during both services. Please sign up on the sheet in the nursery door.



MUSIC IN WORSHIP



The choir is working on the Easter cantata, and if you would like to come join us, please do on Wednesdays at 7:30pm. It is a wonderful cantata, and the music is very powerful.

The Ding-a-Lings are looking for a few players. We only have five and we could use at least three more people to really do the job correctly.

We meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. No playing experience is necessary.

We will be presenting a Tenebrae program on Friday evening of Holy Week. I need three more people who love to act to be part of this presentation. Contact Connie if you are interested. Rehearsals will be on Sundays at 2pm.

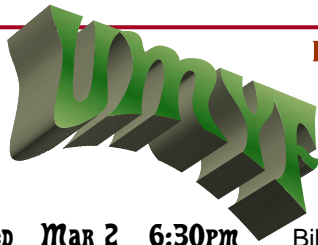
It is hard to believe but Gospel Fest is coming up soon. We would love to have the entire church involved in this endeavor. We will be hosting area church choirs on Saturday, May 21, for a fundraiser for Williamson County's Meals on Wheels. This is a wonderful evening of fellowship and praising God in song. Let one of the choir members know if you want to do something to help.

There is one more thing that I would like the church to be in prayer about. There is a new hymn book being released, and Pastor Jim and I have been discussing whether we would like to get it. It includes several old songs and new ones as well. I love the choice of music in it and think that we, as a congregation, would get lots of use from this new edition. It is the same size as The Faith We Sing, and it would give options to both services. Think and pray about this new hymnbook, and let me know if you would like to see a copy of it. I will hopefully have a copy in the next couple of weeks.

- Connie McCain
Director of Music
music@nolensvilleumc.org

Sunday Children's Ministries

	Children's Message	Children's Church	Nursery	Acolytes
March 6				
8:00	Pastor Jim	NEED	NEED	
10:30	Pastor Jim	NEED	Jonathan Larson	Alyssa Larson & Alan Redman
March 13				
8:00	NEED	Zannie Martin	NEED	
10:30	NEED	Amy Ray	NEED	Olivia & Haley Massey
March 20				
8:00	NEED	Dana Cunningham	NEED	
10:30	NEED	Kathy Maynard	NEED	Drake Woodward & Ben Larson
March 27				
8:00	NEED	NEED	NEED	
10:30	NEED	David Belden	NEED	Ashton Reed & Lauren Burch



FAMILY & FELLOWSHIP

MARCH EVENTS

Wed	Mar 2	6:30pm	Bible Study
Sun	Mar 6	4pm 5pm	Student Leadership Meeting UMYF with Parent/Potluck Night Spring Break Trip \$45 due
Wed	Mar 9	6:30pm	Bible Study
Sun	Mar 13	5pm	UMYF
Mon	Mar 13	5pm	Room in the Inn
Wed	Mar 16	6:30pm	Bible Study
	Mar 18-20		Spring Break Trip to the Smokies
Sun	Mar 20		No UMYF
Wed	Mar 23		No Bible Study (Spring Break)
Sun	Mar 27	5pm	UMYF

-Sam Tidball
Youth Director
youth@nolensvilleumc.org

F.R.O.G.S

Fully Rely On God

Parents,
A friendly reminder

of our Safe Sanctuary policy:
ALL children from Nursery to 6th
Grade must be dropped off and
picked up by a parent. Please do
not send an older sibling to
pickup a child from Sunday
School or WOW.

Thanking you in advance for
assisting in keeping Nolensville a
"Safe
Sanctuary" for
our children!



YUMP Zone - Bonfire
Sunday March 13, 4-6pm
Details coming soon!



Jesus' Closet: a night of food, music,
fellowship, highlights, and recognition, March
26, 6:30pm. Don't miss it!

If you served Jesus' Closet in any way, this is
especially for you!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW met February 9, 2011, at the church. We had fourteen members present plus one new member.

Our president, Mary Martin, opened our meeting with a prayer and a reading of *The Purpose*.

We made plans for the year by filling out our new program books and discussing a project for our March meeting.

Several words were submitted for a Mission Statement from the UMW to Pastor Jim. Our meeting was closed by Mary reading a poem, "Snowflakes," and Pastor Jim leading us in prayer.

- Carolyn Battle
Secretary

YOUNG HEARTS

Young Hearts will travel to Franklin on March 25 and volunteer our services. Williamson County has many families who benefit from their programs. We can all contribute to their food pantry by bring in non-perishable foods for the box in the breezeway. We meet the fourth Friday each month, and will visit the Nissan Plant in April.

- Carolyn Crigger
Secretary

Please! If you use the kitchen, put away ALL FOOD products before you leave. We are called to be fishers of men --- not of mice.



God is WOWing us on Wednesdays!!

Wednesdays at NFUMC are one of the most social, most fun and best learning opportunities of our church family's week, and if you haven't been in a while, you are missing out on some exciting new mid-week programs.

Last quarter, under the leadership of program director Tony Bolton, our church expanded its Wednesday night after-dinner programming to include options for all age groups. Kids and youth programming continues as before, as does the adult group study led by Pastor Jim. But to appeal to more adults with specific interests, new Bible study options for parents, women and men were started.

"Our women's class in fall – the first one we've ever had – had five attendees," said class facilitator Lynette Jones. "This winter, we've had up to 15 women in the class. It's really exciting when you have so many women in class that you're scrambling to pull together tables and chairs to fit them all in the room!"

In the same way the men's group, led by John Maynard, has grown, with up to eight men each Wednesday night. Pastor Jim's class continues to reach a strong number of adults as well. And this is all on top of the programming that has long been at NFUMC on Wednesdays – good food, good fellowship and strong activities for our kids and youth.

"It's just amazing what God is doing through the new programs in our church," said Jones. "We're seeing children and youth across our community visit us on Wednesdays, and now some of their parents are staying as well. I am so thankful and so excited about how God is using our church!"

Other new programs for adults that are active or beginning soon include a Sunday evening Disciple Bible study class, a developing new young adult Bible study effort, and strengthening men's and women's ministries. If you are interested in joining one of these new programs or have ideas for additional ones, please contact Tony Bolton or Pastor Jim.

PINEWOOD DERBY

On Friday, March 11, at 6pm, Cub Scout Pack 297 will have its annual Pine Wood Derby competition. This is where the scouts carve and decorate wooden cars, and race them down a track. All are welcome to come and cheer on your favorite car!



Summer Camp at Cedar Crest in June!

Details coming soon to our website!



Premier Jewelry Party to benefit Guatemala. Friday, March 4 6:30pm. at NFUMC

If you cannot attend, but would like to purchase something, contact Molly Brown at molly3123@hotmail.com

Winners from the "Taste of Chili"

Best Chili: Mike Walsh

Best Veggie Chili: Dana Cunningham

Hottest Chili: Jason Reed

Most Original Chili: Terri Anderson

Best Table Presentation: Corey Adams & Jeff Eubanks



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BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Samantha Tidball; 3/2 Heather Osborn; 3/3 Nelda Vest, Lisa Cooper, Matthew Blankenship, Kaleb Barboza;
 3/4 Red Johnson, Presley Hughes, Haines Hoag, Hillary Hoag, Jackson Martin;
 3/5 Ryan Lancaster, Michael Frogge, Dirk Hoag; 3/6 Marianne Blankenship; 3/9 Dot Arnold;
 3/10 John Lenderman, Van Colebank, Ryan Barboza; 3/11 Dakota Frogge; 3/12 Mary Beth Hagan; 3/13 Wayne Martin;
 3/15 Lucile Stearns; 3/16 Chris Murphy; 3/17 Amanda Shults, Janice Green; 3/19 Carol Hughes; 3/22 Wayne Dickey;
 3/24 Carolyn Skinner; 3/25 Ed Thomas; 3/26 James Hindman; 3/27 Hayes Cooper; 3/28 Julie Yeager, Harrison Hoag;
 3/30 Heather Thomas; 3/31 Jennifer McVey, Drew Ryan

ANNIVERSARIES

3/10 Terri & Steve McCoy; 3/12 Susan & Tom Baker (17); 3/15 Olivia & Jim; 3/20 Kim & Eric Woodward (18);
 3/25 Cindy & Kerry Dove

BEHIND THE SCENES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM JANUARY FINANCIALS

General Operating Fund Balance at January 31, 2011 \$ 12,590.24

General Operating Fund Balance at December 31, 2010 \$ 8,341.55

Increase / (Decrease) in Fund Balance \$ 4,248.69

General Operating Fund Income \$ 34,771.02

General Operating Fund Expenses \$ 30,522.33

Net Income / (Expenses) \$ 4,248.69

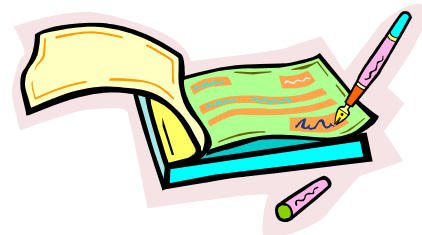
**Next Finance Committee Meeting:
 Tuesday, March 15, 7:45pm**

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THE BAD NEWS IS I LOST EVERY PENNY I OWNED IN SOME BAD INVESTMENTS ... THE GOOD NEWS IS I'M FINALLY READY TO START GIVING 10%



NEW WEBSITE

In an attempt to make the site easier to navigate and to add new features, our website has been redesigned. It is, however, a work in progress, so please let the front office know of any mistakes or suggestions to make it better.



FROM THE TRUSTEES

SonShine Builders: They are here! They are active! And they need you! Answer the call and get involved at our church by giving of your time:

Grubby Saturday: Denise & Kevin Gavin are organizing our spring "Grubby Saturday" to spruce up the church and do some minor repairs. Church members can email Kevin at TotalCare@comcast.net or call 663-1360 to provide information about things around the church needing our "tender loving care" and "attention" both inside and out. "Grubby Saturday" *date will be determined and additional information provided soon.*

Online Repair/Maintenance Form: Forms for church members to inform the Trustees of items in need of repair, maintenance, or attention is on the NFUMC website, www.nolensvilleumc.org. Go to "Behind the Scenes" and click on "Trustees & Maintenance."

Safe Sanctuary: The Board of Trustees Safe Sanctuary Subcommittee will update our Policy to assure that NFUMC will continue to be a desirable and safe place for children. Members are Zannie Martin, Mike Pate, Mary Beth Hagan, Chris Ray and Susan Baker.

February savings by church members doing odd jobs around the church in the past month was approximately 38 man-hours. Light fixtures in the fellowship hall, kitchen, breezeway and hall behind the sanctuary were repaired. Light bulbs were replaced behind the stained glass window above the cross and stained glass window in the front stoop. The icemaker in the kitchen was cleaned and adjusted. Cause of the van stalling was determined and repairs were made. Trash was picked up in the sanctuary and hymnals straightened. All this was accomplished by caring church members volunteering their time.



Photo Directory Coming in May!

Look for information about taking portraits for a new photo directory in May, 2011.

FROM THE SPRC

SPRC Appointment Advisory, NFUMC, January 2011

The SPRC is pleased to support the reappointment of Reverend James C. Norton. The short time that Jim has been with us, he has reached out to many members and groups that make up our congregation. He quickly recognized and appreciated the broad range of emotions associated with a pastoral change and set out to build trust, heal hurt and identify sources of conflict and anxiety.

Pastor Jim quickly recognized the rich mission and service potential that exists at NFUMC and the community of Nolensville. He embraced the active youth program and has become a willing and enthusiastic mentor of our Youth Director, Sam Tidball. He has worked closely with the staff in order to ease the burden(s) of pastoral transition. Pastor Jim has been active in visitation of the sick and shut-ins, as well as potential new members.

Pastor Jim has reconstituted the worship committee and has spent many hours in meetings and discussions trying to resolve issues associated with some worship changes enacted by the former pastor at the time of her transfer. Pastor Jim's honest, open, and non-threatening style of communication has proven to be very welcomed by our congregants and appear to have aided in the healing process.

The biggest challenge facing our church at the present time is budgetary. Pastor Jim has provided insightful comments and ideas as church leadership struggles with matters of finance at a time when programming is trying to be built and expanded.

The fact that Pastor Jim has averaged 10+ years at each of his former assignments may be a harbinger of change for our church as we have averaged a pastoral change every three to four years. It has been difficult to gain real sustainable momentum with all of the pastoral change. Our church is working closely with Pastor Jim and is both excited and hopeful that many positive developments will occur in both the near and distant future.

Worship Times

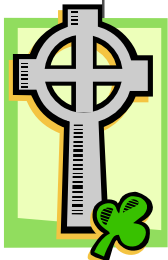



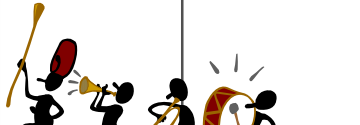
8:00am and 10:30am Sunday Mornings
10:00am Fifth Sunday of the Month

Staff

Pastor:	Rev. Jim Norton	pastorjim@nolensvilleumc.org
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Choir Director:	Connie McCain	music@nolensvilleumc.org
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Administrative Assistant:	Chris Grosson	numc@nolensvilleumc.org

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March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 4:30pm WCYO Strings 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Nom & Lay Leadership Team 7:00pm Missions Team	2 4:15pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm WOW dinner 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm WOW programming 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30am Friendly Neighbors 4:30pm WCYO Strings 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	4 6:30pm Premier Jewelry for Guatemala	5 7:30am Meet the Bishop for Confirmands
	6 4:00pm Student Leadership Team 5:00pm Disciple 5:00pm UMYF	7 6:00pm Girl Scout Troop 1244 7:00pm Cub Scout Den 6 7:00pm Lions Club	8 Shrove Tuesday 4:30pm WCYO Strings 5:30pm Pancake Supper 7:00pm SPRC 7:00pm Worship & Sp Form 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 	9 Ash Wednesday 10:30am UMW 5:30pm WOW dinner 6:30pm WOW programming 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal  ASH WEDNESDAY	10 4:30pm WCYO Strings 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	11 6:00pm Pinewood Derby
13 9:15am 2nd Sunday Breakfast 2:00pm UMYF 4:00pm YUMP Zone - Bonfire 5:00pm Disciple	14 Youth Outreach - RITI 4:00pm Daisy Scouts Troop 2362 5:00pm Room in the Inn 7:00pm Cub Scout Den 6	15 9:30am District Preachers Meeting 4:30pm WCYO Strings 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Trustees 7:45pm Finance	16 4:15pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm WOW dinner 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm WOW programming 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	17 2:15pm Blood Drive 7:00pm 20-Somethings 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal Happy  St. Patricks Day	18 Youth - Saturate	19 Youth - Saturate
20 Youth - Saturate 5:00pm Disciple	21 7:00pm Cub Scout Den 6 7:00pm Lion's Club	22 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298 7:00pm Church Council of Stewards	23 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal	25 10:30am Young Hearts Upcoming Events: Apr 2 Coffee Chapel for Guatemala Apr 3 One Great Hour of Sharing Apr 8-9 Women's Retreat Apr 9 Car Wash for Guatemala Apr 16 Easter Egg Hunt Apr 16 Jenkins Church Barbeque Apr 17 Palm Sunday April 21 Maundy Thursday April 22 Good Friday April 24 Easter Sunday and Cantata	26 6:30pm Jesus' Closet Celebration
27 5:00pm UMYF 5:00pm Disciple 	28 4:00pm Daisy Scouts Troop 2362 5:00pm Room in the Inn	29 4:30pm WCYO Strings 6:30pm Children's Minitries Team w/ Patty Smith 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop 298	30 5:30pm WOW dinner 6:30pm Youth Bible Study 6:30pm WOW programming 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	31 4:30pm WCYO Strings 7:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal		

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