

Ministry Opportunities

SUNDAY, January 8

8:00-11:00 am: Come and Go Communion
 8:30 am: Praise Team Practice
 8:30 am: Choir Practice
 9:00 am: Worship
 10:15 am: Sunday School
 8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Building

MONDAY, January 9

8:30 am: Staff Meeting
 7:00 pm: Boy Scouts
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Bldg

TUESDAY, January 10

12:00 pm: Loaves and Fishes
 6:30 pm: Foster Family Association Meeting
 8:00 pm: AA meets in McBurney Building

WEDNESDAY, January 11

12:00 pm: AI Anon Meeting, Library
 12:00 pm: District Bible Study, District Office
 6:00 pm: Youth Group
 6:30 pm: Choir Practice
 7:30 pm: Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY, January 12

4:00 pm: Free Medical Clinic
 5:30 pm: Finance Meeting
 6:00 pm: Trustee Meeting

FRIDAY, January 13

8:00 pm: AA Meeting in McBurney Bldg.

SATURDAY, January 14

9:30 am: Church Leaders Workshop, Altus First UMC

SUNDAY, January 15

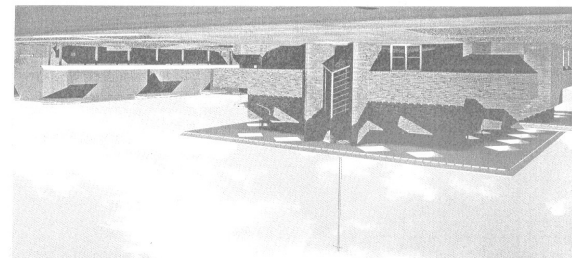
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*Deadline for submissions to "The Sower" is 4 pm on Monday of each week.

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A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES

I hope that you have had a meaningful Christmas and are looking forward to a great New Year. I'm truly looking forward to a new year in the life of the church. I believe that this can be one of the best years ever, as lives are transformed by the power of the Gospel. I'm looking forward to working with the new ministry teams that were brought into existence through the recommendations of the Visioning Task Force. The Shepherding Team and the Radical Hospitality Team will help us better fulfill our calling to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Shepherding Team will be developing a system to help us better minister to our own membership. We will be developing a way to stay in touch with people who have missed church by assigning "shepherds" to care for small groups of members.

The Radical Hospitality Team is going to be looking at ways to help us be more welcoming to our guest and visitors. We will be developing a team to bring our first time visitors a welcoming gift they will receive on the afternoon of their first visit. In addition to working with these new teams, I'm looking forward to working with our existing committees to implement some of the other recommendations that the Visioning Task Force made and shared at our Church Conference. One of the things that will be essential for us to fulfill our calling and make this a truly life changing year in the church and our community, is for us to keep seeking God's will in prayer and by cooperating with God and one another to do what God is wanting us to do. An important place for us to start is by attending the "Re-Ignite Workshop" (Local Church Leaders) in Altus on January 14. Our Bishop Rev. Robert E. Hayes will be our guest for that day and his words have been used by God to challenge me to make life-changing commitments. I know that you will be blessed by attending and it is for this reason that I want to invite and encourage you to come to the workshop. Working with God and one another there isn't anything that we cannot accomplish for God's Kingdom.

In Christ's Service,

Roland

Local Church Leaders Workshop

We are extremely blessed to have Bishop Robert Hayes be our guest speaker at our annual LCLWS. We will be meeting on Saturday, January 14th, 9:30 a.m. at Altus First United Methodist Church. We will take the Church bus and travel together. It would be great to have to take the van too. This is a great day of training and inspiration. There will be classes that will help equip you to be better able to carry out ministry in the church and community. The Bishop's preaching will inspire and challenge you to make a difference in the kingdom of God through the church. I hope that each of you will plan on attending this important meeting to set the tone of new year of ministry together. Please call or email the church office now to let us know that you are planning to attend. 323-3179 clintonfumc@cableone.net



Greetings from Morogoro-Tanzania.

On December 3, forty nine children completed preschool course. We take this opportunity to thank you so much for Your prayers and your supports for the education program in Tanzania (Wesley primary school advance No 3020704 and Preschool advance No 15048N).

Yours in Christ's love,

Rev. Umba and Mrs Ngoy Kalangwa



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. He is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly moved.
Psalm 62:1-2

MEMORIAL FUND

*Memorial Gifts in Memory of
Scott Morris*

*Have been given by
Carole Hatcher
Brownie and Regena Browne
Sue Meacham
Pat and Kathy Cornell*

*A Memorial Gift in Memory of
Maxine Clayton*

*Has been given by
Carole Hatcher*



Music Ministry

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a great 2011 and I hope 2012 brings you many blessings. We have big plans for 2012 as we hope to bring many musical blessings your way! This year we hope to improve both the audio and video quality of our service. We are all very excited about the music that we are making and I think everyone in the music department is very happy about the direction that we are headed. Everyone involved is so talented and dedicated and we get along so well! I love my musical family! As always, the choir will practice at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights and is open to anyone who would like to come and sing with us. We always have a good time at our rehearsals and we have some wonderful music planned for you the next few weeks. I hope you can all be in attendance this Sunday to hear for yourself.

Blessings,

Scott Lowber



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| 01/09 | Kyle Griffin, Bob Marcy, Patrick Hunter |
| 01/10 | Helen Riley, Ellen Poulson, Ryleigh Jordan |
| 01/12 | Paul Stermer |
| 01/13 | Jim Bonham, Karen Chapman, Nancy Goodwin, Jimmy Evans Sarah Fast |
| 01/14 | Jan Wheeler, Don Rodolph |
| 01/15 | Tom Fiegenger, Lindsey Ingham, Blake Wolters |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayers for those in the nursing home or assisted living

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| Ruth McCampbell | Mary Anne Stermer |
| Goldie Pettie | Ruth Brinkley |
| Peggy Metheny | Udell Jones |
| Margie Brown | R.M. and Mary Lou Preston |
| Winona Madison | Margeurite Heerwald |
| Ruth Small (Jeanette Atha's Mother) | |

Prayers for healing or for comfort in difficult circumstances

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| Scott Hays | Harold Rehwaldt |
| Brenda Boyers | Tricia Riley |
| Les Dawson | Amanda Eaton |
| Carol Allison | Mary Ann Hays |
| Brett Gubitz | Mary Edgar |
| Terry Wheeler | George Powers |
| Beverly Henson | Christa Miller |
| Lib Rosenbaum | Denton Payne |
| Glenn Douglas | Chelsea Brantwein (brain tumor) |
| Ryan Parman | Lisa Lott |
| Dave Anthony Rouse | Dash Marshall Day |
| Bob Shulz (Chad Lyon's stepdad) | Kitty Fisher |
| Jenae Standingwater (back surgery) | Alma Mae Bennett |
| Jeanette Atha | Sara Curry (surgery) |
| Dr. Gary Hays | Carolyn Yearwood (Chemo) |
| Synda Miller (Suzanne Day's Mom -heart) | Kim Davis, (Leukemia) |
| Glenn Douglas (hospital) | |

The Family of Cassie Matlock (Loss of Grandmother)

Prayers for ministries

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| AA and Al-Anon | Dan Day (Worship Service at VA) |
| Meals on Wheels | Mission House |

If you have a prayer request, please call the church office at 323-3179 or mail clintonfumc@cableone.net. Our prayer list will be updated on a week to week basis. Please make submissions no later than noon on Monday.



Thank you to the families who participated in the Advent candle lighting readings this year. We appreciate your willingness to serve.