

## From the Pastor's Desk

What has brought you the greatest joy in life? Many people equate joy with fun, like going to Disneyland or taking a cruise to the Caribbean. To other people, joy is a good feeling or what we call happiness. "Happiness" comes from the same root as the word "happening" and may be equated with something happening to us, something circumstantial. Happiness and laughter are good, but they come and go with circumstances. Joy, however, defies circumstances. It can be present even when times are tough.

Joy is an attitude. It is not based upon outside situations and happenings; it is purely an inside job. Tim Hansel puts it so well: "Pain is inevitable, but misery is optional. We cannot avoid pain, but we can avoid joy. Joy is simple. At any moment in life, we have at least two options, and one of them is to choose an attitude of gratitude, a position of grace, a commitment to joy."

Joy in your life is an option, a choice. Think about this statement:

"In the biblical sense, joy then becomes a spiritual balance between expectations and achievements - the ability to approach problems objectively by accepting things as they are and working toward solution and adjustment. Assuming this stance, joy is a sense of imperturbable gladness that sings when rejected, praises when persecuted, and stands when attacked."

*Paul Waker, How to Keep Your Joy*

Do you have this kind of joy?

Please pray for me and my family and invite someone to church Sunday. If you would like me to visit you or your family, let me know. If you need to talk, my door is open.

Believing in You!



Weyman McGuire  
Senior Pastor



### New Members Class

The next New Members Class will be **February 26, 2012** immediately following the 10:45 services in the Fireside Room. If you are interested in becoming a member of FUMC, please make plans to attend this class. You may make your reservation by calling the church office at 821-5734 or emailing Carolyn in the church office at [secretary@madisonvillefumc.com](mailto:secretary@madisonvillefumc.com).



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Weyman McGuire, Senior Pastor  
Shelley Caulder, Executive Pastor  
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Ken Hundley, Student Ministries Pastor  
Richard Cheever, Visitation Pastor

Come and join the **Women's Ministry** for their **Mini Spring Retreat**, which will be **Saturday, March 31, 2012**. Our theme is Joy Comes in the Morning. The retreat will be held in the Fireside Room. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Make checks payable to FUMC with WM Mini-Spring Retreat in the memo line. Call the church office by March 18 to RSVP.



**Priority Preschool Registration** will be taking place the entire month of February for church members, current Preschool children and children of church employees. You may pick up a registration packet in the church office or in the Preschool office. If you would like more information about preschool, please call Marlae Sandefur.

**Sunday, February 26, 2012 is Have a Heart for Seniors Sunday.** FUMC will be receiving a love offering to benefit the Wesley Manor in Louisville. Please pray about your offering amount and give generously in this worthy program to meet the needs of all the residents who need help and have no assets. You may place your gift in the envelope provided and put it in the offering plate. Thank you for your love for seniors.

There will be a benefit vendor show and bake sale with proceeds to go to the Scott Baldwin Medical Fund. Mr. Baldwin and his wife attend the Hope Alive service and he has incurred a large amount of medical expenses following five surgeries. Please come and support this worthy effort to help defray some of the astronomical medical bills. For more information, contact Laura Terry (Scott's sister) at 584-4805.

# THE SOWER



200 E. Center Street, Madisonville, KY 42431

**February 1**

WNA Begins  
Dinner at 5:15 pm  
Classes Begin at 6:00 pm

**February 7**

Evangelism Explosion Begins  
6:00 pm

**February 19**

Bring a Friend Sunday

**February 22**

Ash Wednesday - Service 12:00 Noon

**February 26**

New Members Class

**February 28**

Precepts Begins

**First United Methodist Church**



# Hands of Christ Student Ministries

Even though January is just ending, our students have been busy! Both our Middle School and High School Leadership Teams have met and planned their calendars into the summer. A group of our High School students attended Winter Blitz 2012 in Louisville, a Kentucky Conference event attended by several thousand students from across Kentucky. We also have gone ice skating and played blacklight volleyball! And, of course, our students and adults gather every Wednesday night for our CELEBRATION worship times! Retreat season is almost here and our groups will be heading to Loucon! Watch for information about these upcoming retreats! Madisonville Chrystalis #46 will be held in March and, as always, many of our students and adults will be involved. Our Hands of Christ Summer 2012 Mission Teams are being formed and it appears this will be our biggest summer ever! These teams soon will begin their preparations! We thank the members of our congregation for their continued support of our Student Ministries. Parents, if you have questions about our ministries, please call either one of us at the church or send us an email!

Rev Ken Hundley, Associate Pastor for Student Ministries  
(ken@madisonvillefumc.com)  
Jon Parker, Middle School Leader (jonp@madisonvillefumc.com)



## Growing Kids for God's Kingdom

January 13 was a Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>, but a most happy day for Jeremy and Meaghan Teal because their son was born! Jackson Steven Lamont Teal weighed 6lbs. 14oz., measured 19.5 inches long, and was born with blonde hair! That's when I learned that Jeremy had blond hair as a child...Jackson's already taking after his daddy! Our own Carol and Mont Wood are proud grandparents, and Jackson is blessed with bunches of aunts and uncles from FUMC: Kyle & Lindsey Summers, Lauren Weston, Matthew Wood, and Brenna and Sarah Wood. The Teals are faithful teachers of our Kindergarten—1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School, but during the month of January, Vaughn & Suzanne Brummer have been teaching the class to give Meaghan & Jeremy a little rest, and they are doing a great job. Thanks for stepping into the gap! There are three couples expecting babies in April: Matt & Kilee Beshear (baby girl Kennedy), Jesse & Meagan Collins (baby girl Audrey Blair) and Chris and Martha Phelps (baby boy Jacob Travis). Please keep them in your prayers.

WNA begins February 1, and so does Godz Kidz! I'm excited to have most of our team from last semester returning:

Preschool: Bette Arison, Moses Knight, Trace McCann, Elaine Zirklebach  
Kindergarten—1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Brandi Gunkel, Amy Wortham  
Grades 3—5, Boys: Hank Marcum, Nathan Richey  
Grades 3—5, Girls: Ronda Darnell, Barbara Yonts

PLEASE PUT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS ON YOUR FAMILY CALENDAR:

March 4, 11, 18, and 25: Children's Discipleship Class for Grades 1—5 during Sunday School in Room #22  
April 1, Palm Sunday: Children process in with palm branches at all 3 worship services  
April 7, 10:00—11:30: Easter Eggstravaganza, rain or shine  
April 8: EASTER SUNDAY—no Children's Church, families decorate a cross with flowers, all 3 services  
April 28 & 29: Loucon Retreat for children grades 1—5

Adults, we need your help with the Easter celebration as well as the Spring Retreat. Just talk to Trace or Amy and we'll be happy to sign you up!!

FUMC will be accepting donations of canned goods and nonperishable items to benefit the **Food Bank** on the first Sunday of each month. Please bring by your donations and place them in the grocery cart in the MAC lobby or the one in front of the church office. Thank you for your generosity.

Sundays, January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup>			
A	Monthly Average Worship Attendance	497	A N D
V	Monthly Average Sunday School Attendance	237	
E	Monthly Average Offering	\$20,331.12	
R	Needed Weekly Offering	\$24,048.37	
A	<b>Financial Giving:</b>	<b>YTD 1-31-12</b>	
T	Contributions Received	\$101,655.62	
E	Contributions Required to Meet Budget	\$120,192.35	
N	Over (Short)	(\$ 18,536.73)	
D	Designated Giving	\$ 1,257.00	
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## Prayer List

### Prayer List

Braelyn Barnes  
Linda Barnes  
Todd Blakeley  
Nora Brown  
Josh Bryant  
Anna Rae Burden  
Cary Burns  
Sean Clemson  
Lea Ann Davenport  
Mike Ferrell  
Gracia Floyd  
Patsy Higdon  
Diana Hinabaugh  
Tammy Holt  
Alice Inglis  
Erica Linville  
Danny McGregor  
Amy Menser  
Taylor Patterson  
Bliss Powell  
Eric Schneider  
Tessa Swingler  
Jeff Travis

Jayne Walker  
Erica Wenrick  
Linda Winstead  
Robb Young

### Military Personnel

Wesley Arison  
Sherri Eli  
Andrew Henderson  
Apryle Jackson  
John Locke  
Timothy McGuire  
Nathan Parks  
Michael Paris  
Dan Pecaro  
Billy Wescott

### Homebound/Nursing Home

Price Barton  
Morton Dickerson  
Jimmy Hancock  
Wilma Hancock  
Harold Morris  
Carol Hill  
Mary Beth Kercheval  
Don Robinson  
Marjorie Sanders  
Mary Fonda-Smith  
Elvira Timmons  
Mayme Weldon  
Amanda White

\*\*\*Our Prayer List Policy is that names will be removed after 4 weeks unless you request they remain listed. Please contact Carolyn at 821-5734 with any changes.\*\*\*

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

<b>Wednesday, February 1 WNA Begins</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>Sunday, February 12</b> 4-6 pm Songwriter's Workshop 4:30 pm Puppets 5:30 pm Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm Coming Home Prayer Time	<b>Thursday, February 23</b> 6:15 pm Blended Praise 6:30 pm Praise Team
<b>Thursday, February 2</b> 12:00 pm JOY 6:15 pm Blended Praise 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>Monday, February 13</b> 5:30 pm SPRC Meeting 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting	<b>Sunday, February 26</b> <b>Heart for Seniors Sunday</b> 12:15 pm New Members Class 4-6 pm Songwriter's Workshop 4:30 pm Puppets 5:30 pm Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm Coming Home Prayer Time
<b>Saturday, February 4 - Sunday, February 5 District Wide Clergy Sabbatical</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 14</b> 6:00 pm EE 6:00 pm Precepts	<b>Tuesday, February 28</b> 6:00 pm EE 6:00 pm Precepts
<b>Sunday, February 5</b> 4-6 pm Songwriter's Workshop 4:30 pm Puppets 5:30 pm Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm Coming Home Prayer Time	<b>Wednesday, February 15</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>Wednesday, February 29</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Tuesday, February 7 EE Begins</b> 6:00 pm EE 6:00 pm Precepts 6:30 pm MS Rally/Fellowship	<b>Thursday, February 16</b> 6:15 pm Blended Praise 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>Wednesday, February 29</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice	<b>Sunday, February 19</b> <b>Bring a Friend Sunday</b> 4-6 pm Songwriter's Workshop 4:30 pm Puppets 5:30 pm Young Adult Ministry 7:00 pm Coming Home Prayer Time	<b>Monday, February 20</b> 5:30 pm Finance Meeting
<b>Thursday, February 9</b> 10:00 am Kiel Moore 6:15 pm Blended Praise 6:30 pm Praise Team	<b>Tuesday, February 21</b> 6:00 pm EE	<b>Wednesday, February 22</b> 4:45 pm Young Singers 5:15 pm WNA Dinner 6:00 pm WNA Classes 6:00 pm Teen Singers 6:30 pm MS/HS Celebration 7:00 pm Choir Practice
<b>Saturday, February 11</b> 10:00 am Scott Baldwin Benefit Vendor and Bake Sale		

EVERY SOUL HAS A FACE  
EVERY FACE HAS A NAME



INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

### PRAYER PARTNERS FOR HANDS OF CHRIST MISSION TEAMS

We want to provide each team member of our Summer 2012 Hands of Christ Mission Teams with a prayer partner. Our hope is that the team members and prayer partners will meet a few times before our trips and also share time together after our trips. We also ask prayer partners to pray daily while we are away. We anticipate very full teams for 2012 so we need lots of prayer partners. If you are willing to make this commitment, please call the church office and let us know. Thanks in advance for your willingness to pray for our team members!

JOY will meet Thursday, February 2 at 12:00 pm in Conference Room C. The speaker for this month is Spencer Brewer, who will continue his presentation he began in November of the history of flags from his collection. Please RSVP to Carolyn in the church office by Tuesday,

**Radio Broadcast Times**  
Pastor Weyman's daily devotionals can be heard M-F on Radio Station WYMV-FM, Y106.9. Broadcast times are **7:26 am and 5:00 pm daily, right after the news headlines.**