



Methodist Connection

Open hearts, open minds, open doors *March 2012*



Missions News

THANK YOU to all who rang the Salvation Army Bell this past Christmas season. You all raised \$8,792.51.

Here is the breakdown:

Brookshire's:	\$2,255.19
IGA (Marketplace):	\$1,968.66
WalMart:	\$4,568.66

This is almost \$3,000 more than last year!

A huge thank you to Charli Franks and Darla Hartsell for organizing the bell ringers. This is a large job and was done so well. God truly blessed us all in providing such leadership and perseverance.

Drop-A-Dollar Status:

You may be wondering where those dollar bills are going that are dropped in the offering plates. In October 2011, \$1,000 was used for Bridgeport Gives Back to buy building supplies to help provide a dryer and warmer home for Doris Hill. In December 2011, \$300 was used to buy 30 pair of sweat pants that were distributed to Bridgeport ISD school nurses. The local missions team is always looking for ways to help our neighbors and our community.

Mission Committee Meeting: March 22, 7pm at the church

Upcoming Events

- 3-3 Youth Dinner and Auction 6:00 pm
- 3-12 through 3-16 **Spring Break**
- 3-22 Mission Committee Meeting 7:00 pm
- 4-1 Palm Sunday
- 4-5 Maundy Thursday
- 4-8 Easter Sunday: Sunrise service 7 am at the Methodist Camp

March Birthdays

3/2 Della Mann
Tammy McGuire
Levi Stowe
3/3 Mignon Hudson
3/4 Tom Messer
3/7 Beverly Crisp
Jared McComis
3/8 Carol Colbert
Sandy Simmons
3/12 Brittany Whitehead
3/14 Elaine Pitts
Cindy Angell
3/15 Letha Tebbetts
Dale Davis
Vicki Holder
Stuart Houston
3/20 Jett Davenport
3/22 Christine Wood
3/23 Doug Younger
Luan Reisch
3/29 Nancy Eaton
Barry Whitehead
3/30 Lonny Benham
Mason McComis
3/31 Debra Moyers
Steve Young
Bailey Higgins

March Anniversaries

3/4 Mr/Mrs Steve Watson
3/12 Mr/Mrs Brandon McComis
3/20 Mr/Mrs Randy McComis
3/25 Mr/Mrs Roy Dick
Mr/Mrs Cody Weirich

Church Family

Church Family,

I wanted to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards during my recovery from knee replacement surgery. Bro. David has truly been a blessing with his visits and prayers. I think we are fortunate to have such a loving and caring church family. Dianne Radcliffe

The Church Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious food that you provided and served to us prior to Cindy's funeral service. Your smiles and prayers were so comforting during this time of great loss. God bless and thank you again for your thoughtfulness. Sincerely, Lorrie and Kyle Clifton

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support during the loss of my mom. Thank you to those that prepared the delicious meal and to Judy and Nancy for serving. Thank you also to David for a beautiful service. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and love. With love, Paul, Kala, Landrie, and Logan Walsh

Your kind message of comfort in the funeral service for our loved one is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Family of Donnie Green

Psalms 31

In You, O LORD, I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed;
Deliver me in Your righteousness.

Bow down Your ear to me,
Deliver me speedily;
Be my rock of refuge,
A fortress of defense to save me.



Youth News

February Update

What an AWESOME month February has been! The youth were involved in Midwinter Camp at Bridgeport, Confirmation Celebration with the Bishop, Whirlyball, Valentines at the Nursing home and community service at the Montfords. Thank you for all those who helped make these ministries possible!

Mission Trip Sign ups!

**Heifer Ranch in Perryville, AR
June 4-11, 2012
\$250 Youth \$200 Adults**

**Sign up at Youth or email
Samanthawatson@fumcbridgeport.org**

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Kids
We're on a mission!

I am so proud of our kids!! They made valentines for the residents at the assisted living and nursing home, and the next week we delivered them. It was so rewarding to see the kids interact with everyone there. (see page 3 for a group picture) A big thank you to Steve and Stacey Longacre for driving us and helping us deliver our goodies. It was truly inspiring!

In the coming weeks, the kids will be putting together water safety badges, Easter baskets for a local charity, and creating invitations to our church's Easter celebration.

We would love to have you join us! We meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 and wrap up at 5:00. See you there!

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