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## **Responding to the Crisis in Haiti.... How Can We Help?**

United Methodist Communications continues to provide news coverage of the situation in Haiti, including how the church is responding, at [www.umc.org/haiti](http://www.umc.org/haiti). We also want you to know of other resources available for churches and members who want to help. **100% of your donation goes to Haiti victims, no overhead or administrative costs are incurred.**

### **Donations**

Donations can be made online or you may also contribute by placing a check in the offering plate or by mailing it to UMCOR, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087. Checks should indicate "**Advance #418325**" in the memo line. **UMCOR Health Kits**

### **Health Kits For Haiti**

UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide health kits that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti. Hundreds of thousands of kits will be needed in the days and months ahead. They will be distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the recent disaster.

UMCOR requests that the following NEW items be placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, **UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items – nothing more. Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.**

Further instructions on assembling and shipping health kits are available at <http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umcor/getconnected/supplies/health-kit/> . **Completed kits may be dropped off in the Narthex for distribution.**

**Sunday, February 14, 2010**  
**Reaffirmation of Marriage Covenant**  
**Immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Service**

The First Bethel faith community is offering an opportunity to celebrate the covenants of marriage.

**How will this work?**

Participants are asked, but it is not necessary, to place their names and wedding dates on the poster in the Narthex.

Participating couples will gather in the sanctuary immediately following the 9:00 am service.

Couples will renew their covenants using the United Methodist Book of Worship Reaffirmation of Marriage Service

**A special time of remembrance** for those whose spouses have gone to be with the Lord will be a part of the service

A table will be available to place original wedding photographs. Pictures are to be brought the day of the Reaffirmation and taken home that same day

***The entire church is invited to celebrate this occasion.***

***Sunday school will begin at 10:15 a.m. so that all may be able to participate.***

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**Wonderful Wednesdays**  
**Adult Discipleship Classes**  
**Will begin on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 to 8:30 pm**

A full list of classes being offered will be available in the Narthex beginning in February.



## Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Information

**Trip Date:**  
**July 11-17, 2010**

**Registration Deadline:**  
**February 21, 2010**

### **“Complete the Puzzle” by Sponsoring a volunteer on ASP**

The Appalachia Service Project committee is sponsoring a new fundraiser. Here is how it works: Help us fill in our “**Bandana**” puzzle by sponsoring one of the **28 volunteers** working on the Appalachia Service Project

A poster has been placed in the Narthex with 28 open squares. Each square represents a volunteer participating in ASP the week of July 11 - 17, 2010. It cost approximately \$411 per volunteer, but you can sponsor a volunteer for just \$30.

- Each square represents one volunteers
- A square will be filled in with each **\$30 sponsorship**
- Sponsors can be individuals, friends, or groups
- Please make checks payable to First Bethel UMC & place them in the offering plate

### **First Bethel Bistros:**

**5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, and 24**

Mike Stephan is organizing the Bistros and signup sheets to work the Bistros will be available at the January 25 Information Meeting

**Monday, January 25:**

### **ASP Information Meeting Part II**

Join us for some updates and to sign up to work the upcoming fundraisers. This is the time when **our fundraising efforts go into high-gear....** So we need everyone to sign up and do their part.

**“Fat Tuesday” Celebration**  
**February 16, 2010**  
**5:30 p.m.**

The Nurture Committee will help us celebrate Shrove/Fat Tuesday with beads, masks, carnival games, music and even a meal of breakfast foods and decadent desserts. There will be something for everyone – with even some Christian Education for all.

Get ready for Lent with this fun fellowship evening at First Bethel!  
Additional information will be coming soon.



**30 Hour Famine**  
**Friday, February 26 through Saturday, February 27**  
**TRIBE: Ethiopia**

During our Sunday evening Youth Discipleship time the youth are journeying through an encounter with poverty and hunger. This year TRIBE goes to one of the oldest civilizations on earth – ***Ethiopia***.

The youth are participating in educational games and Bible study that give them a glance into the lives of children affected by poverty and hunger. These are the kind of children that World Vision helps every day. They're the kind of children that we are helping by doing the 30 Hour Famine.

**January 10**, the youth participated in two of the activities:

“**Clinic Crisis**” – learning how to protect people from dangerous diseases by learning their causes, symptoms, and most importantly – how to prevent them.

“**Phonic Frenzy**” – this activity gave the youth a taste of how difficult it can be to communicate without having a basic education. When you can't read, everyday words look like gibberish. Vital knowledge that could help you beat poverty just slips through your fingers. (This information is from the TRIBE leader guide)

**January 31**: The youth continue the study as well as finish their planning ideas for talking about 30 Hour Famine during the February worship services.

## February Youth Discipleship Dates:

February 7	Youth Discipleship	30 Hour Famine Study
February 14	Youth Discipleship	30 Hour Famine Study
February 21	Youth Discipleship	30 Hour Famine Study
February 26-27	30 Hour Famine	Lock-in

### **Do you know your Spiritual gifts?**

Have you ever wondered just what tools God has given you to help do His work? The Stewardship committee is sponsoring a class that will help you find out what your gifts are.

***On March 6<sup>th</sup>, Sandra will be leading a class “Spirit Gifts: One Spirit, Many Gifts” with resources by Patricia D. Brown.***

The 3 hour class will start at **9 AM** and be preceded by a light breakfast served in the bays. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Come and learn what wonderful abilities God has given you and how you can use them in your life to share His love within our community and our world.



### **2010 Flower Chart**

The 2010 flower chart is posted in the Narthex. Please write your name on the Sunday you select. The cost of each arrangement is \$25. Please mark your payment “Altar Flowers” on your offering envelope.

### **Shepherds & Martha’s Circle**

*by Barb Dillon*

**Shepherds**, please see Barb Dillon after the 9am service on February 14<sup>th</sup> to pick up gifts for the homebound.

**Martha’s Circle** will meet on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. This is our “Have a Heart” month. Activities include revealing & exchanging prayer partners, planning the bistro dinner & playing a few rounds of Pictionary. Join us for this time of fun & fellowship!

## Green Notes

In keeping with the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, the Stewardship of the Earth's Resources Team is sponsoring a Make it Yourself 'Green' cleaning products workshop on **March 14 at 2:00 pm in Founder's Hall**. Karen Lucarelli, Social Action Chair of the UMW Pittsburgh District and member of Women's Division Green Team, will be teaching us how to make our own cleaning products with earth-friendly ingredients.

We will be making laundry detergent and then trialing it by washing a demonstration load (or two!). We will also be making some general purpose cleaners. Every attendee will leave the workshop with products to use at home and the recipes to make more. All of the products are safer for the earth and are less costly than store-bought cleaners.

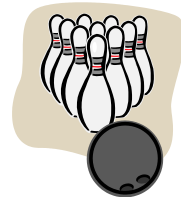
Refreshments will, of course, be served.

Please, come join us for the afternoon. Spring cleaning is right around the corner, and with the knowledge learned in this workshop, you will be prepared to handle it in a fresher, safer way.

As a reminder, the Green Team meets on the last Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. If you have an interest or skills in this area, please consider joining us.

## Confirmation 2010 Has Begun!

Sunday, **January 24<sup>th</sup>** the congregation dedicated their 2010 Confirmation class. This small, but elite group will be meeting every Sunday morning, one Sunday evening a month and have several "field trips." They will serve Feed the Hungry and doing an individual service project for the congregation. We ask for your prayers and thoughts as we make this journey together. Please call Rev. Dennick-Ream with any questions. (412-835-0700)



## Fifth and Sixth Grade Fellowship

Let's go bowling! On Sunday afternoon, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, the fifth and sixth graders are invited to go bowling. They will be receiving more information soon! Save the date!

## Sign-Up Now Open for 2010-2011 Preschool Classes

When I began my ministry in 1977, preschool classes were a nice time to get your child into a play environment with other children. They were fun for the kids – what we didn't realize then was that they were also the building block for educational success. Children are learning to read, write, care for others, resolve conflicts and even negotiate business deals as they "play" in these small, caring classes. Since 1968 First Bethel United Methodist Church has been providing these learning opportunities.

The classes meet from 9:30 a.m. until Noon. If there is interest there is the possibility of afternoon classes that would meet from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. The available age groups are:

### **Two-Day Class: Tuesday and Thursday - 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

The cost of this class will be 9 payments (September - May) of \$93.00.

Students in this class must be 3 before September 1, 2010.

This class has a limit of 12 students with two teachers.

### **Three-Day Class: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:30 am - Noon**

The cost of this class will be 9 payments (Sept. - May) of \$144.00.

Students in this class must be 3½ before September 1, 2010.

This class has a limit of 16 students with two teachers.

### **Four-Day Class - T-Class: Monday - Thursday - 9:30 a.m. - Noon**

The cost of this class will be 9 payments (Sept - May) of \$179.00

Students in this class must have had a year of 3-day preschool class.

This class has a limit of 16 students with two teachers.

The registration fee for all three classes is \$30.00 per child.

If you have questions, would like a tour or need more information please call the Kings School Kids office at 412-835-6141. We would love to help you!

## Christian Sympathy

*To the family and friends of Norma Hritz for the passing of her sister, Shirley Rodgers*

*To the family and friends of Lisa McDermot for the passing of her nephew, Andrew*

## Wednesday Evenings! Kid's Club

**Young people in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade** are invited to be part of this fellowship and learning opportunity. We meet in Rooms 4 and 5 of the education building from 7:30 - 8:30 on Wednesday evenings. We have crafts, stories and games that help us understand and learn about God's World and the many wonderful people in it. We also get to know each other and that is very important too! For more information call Mrs. D. at 412-835-0700 or 412-212-1414. Otherwise – we'll see you there!

## Box Tops Add Up

This summer we got a thank you from Red Bird Mission for one of the shipments of Box Tops we sent them. Instead of just saying, "Thanks for the box tops." They told us that they would receive \$1,118 from them. Each box top we send is like sending \$.10 to Red Bird. Dimes add up! Campbell's labels don't have such an easy conversion but they too turn into supplies – and in the case of Red Bird – vans. Don't forget to take a moment to cut them off and drop them in the red and white box in the Narthex!



## Book Club

*by Zane Dennick-Ream*

Book Club will meet **Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**, at **7:30 p.m.** at Panera's in the South Park Shops. We will discuss *Lark and Termite* by Jayne Anne Phillips. A description of the book from Barnes and Noble:

*A rich, wonderfully alive novel from one of our most admired and best-loved writers, her first book in nine years. Lark and Termite is set during the 1950's in West Virginia and Korea. It is a story of the power of loss and love, the echoing ramifications of war, family secrets, dreams and ghosts, and the unseen, almost magical bonds that unite and sustain us.*

*At its center, two children: Lark, on the verge of adulthood, and her brother, Termite, a child unable to walk and talk but filled with radiance. Around them, their mother, Lola, a haunting but absent presence; their aunt Nonie, a matronly, vibrant woman in her fifties, who raises them; and Termite's father, Corporal Robert Leavitt, who finds himself caught up in the chaotic early months of the Korean War.*

Join us for a discussion of the book. Even if you haven't read the book, the book club is always a great place to pick up recommendations about books that others are reading. Also, the club is always open to suggestions for new books to read.

## Campbell's Soup Labels

The images below show what is now required from Campbell's soup labels. We do a great job clipping them for various mission projects but, if you don't turn in the UPC symbols then we can't use them.

Please continue to support missions with your labels and remember that we no longer need to save the whole thing – just the UPC symbol or the "Point Value" labels.



If you have questions contact Deb. Thanks!

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***Are you wondering where your  
2010 First Bethel offering envelopes are located?***

***They are available for pickup in the Narthex.***

***Please note: If your 2009 envelope is 251 or higher, you will have a new number for 2010. Please do not cross off your new envelope number with your 2008 number!***

***Thank you for your understanding! Contact the church office with any questions. Thank you!***

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## 2009 End of Year Offering Statements

The 2009 end of year church offering statements were mailed the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January. If you have any questions regarding your statement or 2010 general offering pledge, please contact Sue at the church office.



## Finance Corner

by Sue Contino

### **Final 2009 Financial Report**

	<b>December</b>	<b>Final Year to Date</b>
Church Contributions	\$ 28,381	\$271,669
KSK Contributions to Shared Expenses	<u>\$ (4,840)</u>	<u>\$ 78,632</u>
Contribution Total	\$ 23,541	\$350,301
Less Expense	<u>\$ 27,871</u>	<u>\$344,725</u>
Net Contributions less Expenses	\$ (4,330)	\$ <b>5,576</b>
Less Outstanding Line of Credit Payoff		\$ 2,575
Less Additional Mission Share Payment		<u>\$ 3,001</u>
<b>Final Total</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>
Less 2008 Deficit		<u>\$ 28,888</u>
<b>Net Total</b>		<b>(\$28,888)</b>

Church contributions for 2009 resulted in a very strong year for First Bethel UMC. **2009 church contributions surpassed 2008's actual contributions by over \$19,000!** On behalf of the finance committee, I would like to thank all of those who faithfully contributed to keep our ministries thriving. I ask you to continue your faithful contributions so our ministries will continue to grow and positively impact those around us.

We finished 2009 with a **budget surplus of \$5,576** which allowed us to accomplish the following:

1. *Pay off our outstanding line of credit.*
2. *"Catch up" on our budgeted mission share payments. We had skipped the August 2009 mission share payment due to cash flow issues. Our final mission share amount paid for 2009 was **\$37,245** (which is **87.4%** of our total conference asking amount of \$42,611)*

*What about the 2008 deficit?* Pat Morris, Conference Treasurer, confirmed we do not need to carry the 2008 deficit forward unto 2010.

*What does this mean?* Although we no longer need to financially track this figure on our financial reports, it is critical that we do not allow another budgetary deficit to occur in the future.

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