

THE GOOD NEWS

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Mission of the Church: "To glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ"

A fun time was had by all at the Crossfire Ministries Chili Cook Off! Thanks to everyone that supported this annual fundraiser by either making chili or enjoying the delicious entrees!



Chili award winners pictured Above with Matt Sands, Director of Youth Ministries: Lara Long (Best Overall); Christine Northcutt (Best Hot); Marna Bogan (Best Medium); Elizabeth Richardson (Best Mild).

Blind Faith Benefit Concert

Starring

Gordon Mote



Tickets will be available at the door

Visit gordonmote.com to hear a sample of his music

Date Friday, February 17, 2012

Time 7:00 p.m.

Location Dalewood United Methodist Church
2300 Ridgecrest Drive
Nashville, TN 37216

Cost \$15.00

Tickets can be purchased online at: www.acb.org/tennessee/MTCB or by calling 615-874-1223.

Join Us! Enjoy an evening of unforgettable music from RSI recording artist Gordon Mote, a totally blind musician and vocalist who has won the pianist/keyboard player of the year by the Academy of Country Music, receiving the Award in 2009 and 2011. His debut solo recording earned a Dove Award nomination from the Gospel Music Association for Instrumental Album of the Year. He toured with the Gaither's and has performed with other well-known artist.

Dan Dillon
dan.dillon@comcast.net
(615) 874 - 1223

The Mid-Tennessee Council of the Blind, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to reach out to people in the community who are blind, visually impaired or are facing vision-loss, will benefit from the proceeds.



* There will be a \$1.00 processing fee for online purchases *



Mid-Tennessee
Council
of the **Blind**

The Low-Vision Discussion Group is an effort included in the HUMC Congregational Care ministry.

On the third Thursday of each month, a group of seniors, including several members of HUMC meet at McKendree Manor to discuss the challenges of losing sight later in life. Hosts, Brenda and Dan Dillon, provide helpful resources, informative speakers and assist these individuals in accessing services to make an attitude of dark despair become a focus of bright hope. This group has been meeting for four years and is just one of the many programs provided to offer insight in to life without sight. Brenda and Dan are members at HUMC and Dan is the president of MTCB.

MTCB has no office, not a single paid staff person, but relies on the dedication of its leaders to impact the community. We are available to meet with anyone wishing to learn more about the many valuable contributions this non-profit group brings to those who are blind or visually impaired and to their families. For more information, please contact Dan or Brenda at 874-1223 or e-mail them at brenda.dan@comcast.net.

February 3, 2012 Edition

Announcing the formation of the HUMC Band!

**Bring your instrument and
join us beginning this Monday,
February 6 at 6:30pm in the
Choir Room!**

Led by Denise Pridemore

The following letter was received from Scott Wilder, son of David and Linda. Scott is currently a contract worker working with the U.S. Military. He, along with the others posted on our Military Wall, received care packages at Christmas time. Below is a letter from Scott that was dated December 9, 2011:

Dear Hermitage United Methodist Church,

I just wanted to write to you and to tell you thank you for the care package. It was greatly appreciated and helpful. All arrived well and has been enjoyed by friends and I. I particularly enjoyed the magazines as I am a big reader. The cookies were shared among friends and well received. We have also had a few card games as well. Thank you for the socks as it gets pretty cold here and you can never have enough.

We are getting ready for the holidays here and have even gotten a few trees up to increase the seasonal mood. The food we have here is pretty good, but it is nice to have cookies and candy for dessert.

Please know how much your great congregations is appreciated; and these acts of kindness. It really does help to know that support is out there for such wonderful people. So know that when I say thank you, it is on behalf of each and every person that is over here.

Looking forward to being able to thank you and worship with you in person. Praise God and his son, Jesus Christ, for all that we have.

Sincerely,
David Scott Wilder

Souper Bowl Sunday February 5, 2012

This Sunday, SPARC will be collecting money after each service to benefit the HUMC Food Fund. This money will be used to purchase food for both the Food Pantry and F.U.E.L. Unfortunately, both of these funds are in desperate need of replenishment.

All donations are greatly appreciated!

LADIES OPEN GYM

Recently we have had some interest shown in having ladies only night in the gym to play volleyball. This is a possibility if there are enough women interested. The time would be weekly on Tuesday night at 7:00 pm. In the beginning it would be open gym choosing teams as everyone arrives. If there is enough interest, then we could form a league. The participation age will be 12 and older.

There is a sign up sheet outside the gym near the elevator. Starting date will depend on response. If you have any questions, please call Jim Turner at 883-3918 ext.119.

Beth Moore Bible Study: *James, Mercy Triumphs* FELLOWSHIP BUILDING

What good is your faith? What difference does it make in your life and the lives of those around you? The book and person of James forces us to face the implications of our faith.

Beginning Sunday, February 5th at 5:00pm
~ AND ~

Wednesday, February 8th at 1:30pm

Everyone's invited to attend.
Child care will be provided for both classes.

Both classes will be led by Marjorie Black.

Record of Faithfulness

“I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and uphold it with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, my service, and my witness.”

In Our Prayers

- Teresa Baker and family, on the death of her uncle, Rev. Marvin Winkle
- Doris Burch and Dorothy Scruggs, on the death of their brother, Robert Horton
- Chris Icenhour and family, on the death of his aunt, Mary Cantor
- HUMC family and friends, on the death of Lynn McCord

Our Gifts: 1/22/12

Budget	\$25,654.36
Debt Elimination	2,085.00
Benevolence.....	800.00
Other Designated Gifts.....	830.00
Total	\$29,369.36

Our Gifts: 1/29/12

Budget	\$16,722.18
Debt Elimination	380.00
Other Designated Gifts.....	200.00
Total	\$17,302.18

Our Presence:

	1/22/12	1/29/12
8:15am	354	341
9:45am	134	153
11:00am.....	255	242
Total	743	736

Have you gotten your stuffed animal for Sunday, February 12? Don't forget that day is Bear Sunday! These stuffed animals bring comfort to so many individuals.

Concert to the King Series

Save the date: Sunday, April 29 for the next Concert to the King - Lift Your Voice in Praise. Mark your calendar and watch for more information. "The trumpeters and singers joined in unison, as with one voice, to give praise and thanks to the Lord. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, they raised their voices in praise to the Lord and sang: 'He is good; His love endures forever.'" 2 Chronicles 5:13

Now is the time to join in the preparations. Vocalists and instrumentalists from all services who wish to participate and have the desire to give praise and thanks to the Lord are asked to contact one of the following:

Betty Sue Dooley, bettysue@bsdsales.net
 Terri Kawczynski, terri@humc.org
 Eddie Parsons, eddieparsons@gmail.com

Your talents will be appreciated and a blessing!

Our food pantry is running really low. We need the following:

- **Spam and Other Canned Meats**
- **Peanut Butter**
- **Carrots/Peas/Potatoes/Mixed Veggies**

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5	Souper Bowl Sunday
February 12	Bear Sunday
February 22	Ash Wednesday
April 1	Palm Sunday
	Easter Egg Hunt – FB
April 8	Easter Sunday
April 29	Concert to the King
June 18 - 22	Vacation Bible School
July 16 - 20	WAM Camp

Pictured here are some of our youth that participated in Warmth in Winter this past weekend. The theme for Warmth in Winter was Think Big 320: "For God is able to do, EXCEEDINGLY, ABUNDANTLY, and BEYOND all you are able to ask or think according to the power in Jesus Christ." - Ephesians 3:20



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Finance Update

Line-of-Credit Balance Below \$50K

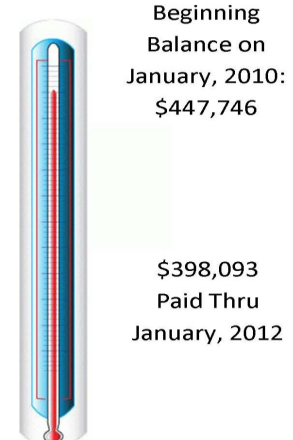
Thanks to the many gifts being given to the Debt Elimination Fund, our line of credit balance has now been reduced to \$49,653!! Also, our fixed loan is now at \$1,009,934, bringing our total indebtedness to \$1,059,587. We hope to keep chipping away at the line of credit in the coming months and ELIMINATE this debt from our books by late Spring. Mark any contributions you would like to go against this remaining balance as "DEBT ELIMINATION!"

Thank you for your generous support of the many ministries of HUMC!

Hermitage United Methodist Church Indebtedness

Permanent Fixed Loan
(Budget)
Started: July, 2006
Matures on July, 2021

Line of Credit
(Debt Elimination)
Started: January, 2010



Outstanding Balance:
\$1,009,934

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\$49,653