

SUNDAY MESSENGER

March 7, 2010

WILLIAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WUMC VISION STATEMENT

As a village church, Williamsville United Methodist faithfully continues the vision and tradition of our founders by welcoming all people to encounter Jesus Christ. We will nurture active fellowship and participation through a variety of ministries that encourage people of all ages to grow in a spiritual journey with Christ.

GREAT BIG BIRTHDAY HUGS TO

3/7 Colleen Zeller, James Guido
3/8 Megan Reichard, Mary Ann Horey, Bob Klein
3/11 Sherette Scorsone, Karen Long
3/13 Braden Bauer
Your birthday is important to us! If we missed it, please call the church office to update our records, 634-4800.

PRAYER REQUESTS and CONCERNS

Prayers of healing and support are requested for Art Kliber, Russ Lewis, Jack Nill, Dwight Dickerman, Debbie Hein, Louise Flickinger ~ Continuing prayers are asked for Mariano Baer, Charles Mastin, Sarah Gregory, Tamar Friedner, Rev. John Beeson, Bob Race, Elias Nojaim

A NOTE OF THANKS

"Our Hearts thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your concern, and your beautiful get-well cards. We miss all of you and hope we will be back to church soon. God Loves you and so do we."
Love, Paul & Diane Westacott

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Chris Wylie has been approved for commissioning and probationary membership, an important step as he continues his journey toward Ordination.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet on March 19, 7:30 pm, at the home of Sally and Bud Jost. We will be discussing "The Shack" by William P. Young. Our April selection is "Buffalo Gal" by Laura Pederson. Holly and Phil Reynolds will host on April 23.

RACHEL CIRCLE will meet on Thursday, March 11 at 12:00 noon. This month we will meet at Leda Pepe's club house. Newcomers are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Midge Hackworth or Sally Jost.

PART-TIME CHRISTIAN NANNY NEEDED

An Eggertsville family is in need of a loving, Christian, part-time nanny in their home for a newborn. If you are interested in this position, please contact Bridgette Cassety.

DORCAS CIRCLE will meet Thursday, March 11 at 10:30 AM in the church parlor. Our hostess this month is Betty Tresselt. We will be assembling bags of personal care items for women at Haven House. Newcomers are always welcome. If you have any questions, please call Donna Swift.

DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH

Spring Forward!!
Remember to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed next Saturday. Daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010.



COFFEE HOUR

Do you enjoy the coffee hour after the 11:00 service? If you answered yes, perhaps you could volunteer to do a Sunday. I am in desperate need of more helpers. Please see or call Marie Grieser.



SERVING THE WORLD'S NEEDS THROUGH ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING – MARCH 14

Through your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is responding to the needs of people affected by the 8.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Chile early on Feb. 27. As of March 1, approximately 708 deaths were reported and many more are missing. Homes and

hospitals were destroyed and the earthquake triggered a tsunami that rolled across the Pacific.

In an e-mail, Juan Salazar, president of the Methodist Social Ministry in Chile, says, "The information that arises each time we assess the damage indicates that the effects are greater than originally assessed."

UMCOR is working with partners in Chile to respond with resources and support. With your gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering, we can once again come to the aid of those that are hurting and in need, not only in Chile but also in Haiti and around the world. Please continue to give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering March 14. Your gift can make a difference in the lives of those who are hurting.

HEIFER PROJECT MINISTRIES HIGHLIGHTED

The work of Heifer International will be center stage when Roger Ellis will represent Heifer as our guest on March 21 to preach during both worship services and to present information about Heifer to our children's Sunday school classes. The mission of Heifer International is to work with communities around the world to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. By giving families a hand-up, not just a hand-out, Heifer uses gifts of livestock and training to empower families and entire communities to turn lives of hunger and poverty into self-reliance and hope.



HELP WANTED

Camp Asbury is now taking applications for three new 2010 Summer Staff: Kitchen Assistant, Waterfront-Pool Lifeguard, and Female Core Counselor. Interested persons should contact Rev. Larry Wiliford.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATES

Our Vacation Bible School dates are set! So, mark your calendars now for our VBS from August 9 through August 13. Every year we work in conjunction with St. Paul's Lutheran and Faith United Church of Christ to provide a week-long Vacation Bible School. The three churches take turns hosting the event. This year, our VBS will be held at Faith United Church of Christ, which is at the corner of Maple and Hopkins. Our theme this year is "Galactic Blast" and I can tell you it's going to be out of this world!!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Please join us for the Adult Bible Study group during Sunday school hour! This is an informal discussion-based look at a different part of the Bible each week, followed by a discussion of how it applies to us in the 21st century. We hope to see you Sunday morning in the classroom right at the bottom of the stairs at the Oakgrove entrance!

HABITAT 2010 WOMEN'S BUILD

There will be a fundraising event for the 2010 Women Build project on Friday, March 19, 2010. Tickets: \$25/person presale (until March 13) \$30/at the door Event includes hors d'oeuvres, wine tasting, desserts and coffee. There will be a live auction and silent auction. Domenic Cortese of Hammertime on the Home Improvement Hour (WBEN 930 AM) will be the emcee for this event. For additional information, contact: Habitat for Humanity/Buffalo 995 Kensington Avenue Buffalo, NY 14215 Telephone: 716-204-0740.

DAYS AHEAD IN OUR CHURCH

Please contact the church office at 634-4800 to obtain phone numbers of the contact people mentioned below.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7 Third Sunday in Lent
 9:00 AM Taize Worship with communion
 9:45 AM Lenten Fair
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Contact: Nick Perry
 9:45 AM Christian Education for youth & adults
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Extended Session Class
 6:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group – Contact Nick Perry or Judy Toone

MONDAY, MARCH 8
 1:00 PM Staff Meeting
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM Web Site Team Meeting – Contact Mina Rohde

TUESDAY, MARCH 9
 12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
 Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!
 6:30 PM Learning to Live Support Group
 Contact: Leslie Jordans
 7:00 PM Worship Team Meeting – Contact Cheryl Thomas

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10
 6:00 PM King's Kids rehearsal – Contact Barbara Saltarella
 6:30 PM Advent Choir Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Fillmore Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 11
 ODNs Pancake Breakfast – Contact Judy Knab
 10:30 PM Dorcas Circle Meeting in Church Parlor
 Contact Donna Swift
 12:00 PM Rachel Circle Meeting at Leda Pepe's Club House
 Contact: Sally Jost or Midge Hackworth
 12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
 Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!
 7:00 PM Memorial Handbells Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 7:00 PM Perkins Internship Meeting - Contact Nick Perry
 7:30 PM ODNs Board Meeting – Contact Judy Knab

FRIDAY, MARCH 12
 ODNs Pancake Breakfast – Contact Judy Knab

SATURDAY, MARCH 13
 8:00 AM BPO Scholarship Auditions

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14 One Great Hour of Sharing
 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
 Blood Pressure Clinic
 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship with communion
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Contact: Nick Perry
 9:45 AM Christian Education for children & adults
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Extended Session Class
 6:30 PM Sr. High Youth Group
 Contact Nick Perry or Judy Toone

MONDAY, MARCH 15
 7:00 PM Boy Scouts
 7:00 PM Communication Team Meeting
 Contact Karen Gerken or Sondra Scott

TUESDAY, MARCH 16
 9:30 AM Parent's Bereavement Support Group
 Contact: Leslie Jordans
 12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
 Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!
 1:00 PM Women's Cancer Support Group
 Contact Carol Amico
 7:00 PM Trustee Meeting – Contact: Ed Howard

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17
 6:30 PM Advent Choir Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 8:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Fillmore Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 18
 12:30 PM Exercise Class in Fillmore Hall
 Contact Claudia Fries. Newcomers welcome!
 6:30 PM Mitochondrial Disease Support Group
 7:00 PM Memorial Handbells Rehearsal
 Contact: Judy Stafford or Wendy Amuso
 8:00 PM Taize Service - Contact: Cheryl Thomas

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 Messenger Deadline
 9:30 AM Central City Cafe

SATURDAY, MARCH 20
 8:30 AM Men's breakfast Group at Sheridan Family Restaurant. Reservations not required, come when you can. Newcomers are always welcome. Contact Bob Hayman.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent
 9:00 AM King's Kids Celebration (Children's Worship)
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class – Contact: Nick Perry
 9:45 AM Christian Education for children & adults
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship & Extended Session Class
 6:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group
 Contact: Nick Perry or Judy Toone

