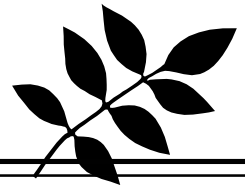


# The Hickory Leaf

February 2010



Hickory Bend United Methodist Church

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Gary Brock, Pastor

## A PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

**“Birds sing after a storm; why shouldn’t people feel as free to delight in whatever sunlight remains to them?” [Rose Kennedy]**

At age thirty, "Anne" was in the hospital for spinal surgery. Following a car wreck, a broken back and six months of "constant pain ... the doctors are finally going to do something." We talked of her physical and spiritual struggles. "The pain never stops ... and the drugs just make me nauseous ... My grandmother used to say that 'God won't put no more on you than you can bear'... but if that's true, He's sure got me mixed up with somebody else. "

**You people of Israel, say, "God pays no attention to us! He doesn't care if we are treated unjustly. But how can you say that?" [Isaiah 40:27, CEV]**

In one of her marvelously insightful novels on the Church of England, Susan Howatch tells of an Anglican priest whose life has slowly been coming apart at the seams. What can he possibly have to say now in response to others who are experiencing similar crises -- crises of both life and faith.

*"I shall remind them that cures don't always happen, because God doesn't operate by waving a magic wand. But what he does do constantly is to redeem what goes wrong, and in redemption is the healing. That's why I've got to accept what's happening and learn from it. It's because the learning will in the end become a part of the redemption ... Christianity's about life, not death -- it's a gospel of hope and renewal, not despair and decline! I might be wiped out at the moment, I may be shattered and thoroughly wrecked, but I've still got my faith and I'm going to go on ... in the hope that in the end everything will be redeemed, healed and made new. "*

**Don't you know? Haven't you heard? ... The Lord gives strength to those who are weary. [Isaiah 40:29]**

While visiting the hospital about two months after the death of his nine year-old daughter from leukemia, a Rabbi asked Rev. John Claypool: "Did God do anything for any of you in all that darkness you've been through?" Rev. Claypool said that he was initially stunned by the boldness of such question.

*"We had prayed that God would heal her. She had had the finest medical care available anywhere in the country ... Suddenly it came to me that God had done something for us. He had given each of us the power to endure... a grace that I had never experienced before that would come like a gentle river and somehow get me*

*from place to place ... God gave us the grace to walk and not faint, to not blow up in anger or give up in despair, to hang in there when we would barely stay on our feet. "*

**Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength... Don't be afraid. I am with you ... I am your God ... I am holding your hand ... I am here to help [40:31; 41:10, 13].**

Frederick Beuchner observed that "in the course of scripture, the worst thing is never the last thing."

Bro Gary

## Giving Back to God

All that we are and all that we have is a gift of God's grace. Stewardship is how we respond to God's grace (our giving back to God), and it is the central task of every Christian.

At Hickory Bend each of us at some particular time in our lives pledged (or will pledge) to support our church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. As a congregation we have honored those pledges recently in many good ways; and we legitimately celebrate those efforts. But it is not our nature--nor should it be--to pat ourselves on the back and say, "Well, now we've done that." Every new season offers us opportunities for growth in stewardship, and growth is what we are all about.

Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. Your Stewardship Committee wishes to offer every man, woman, teen-ager, and child at Hickory Bend, from the youngest to the oldest, a unique opportunity to participate in some special "extra" giving during Lent. Participation is voluntary, but we challenge you to make this a 100% effort. Here's the plan:

Lots of folks traditionally "give up something for Lent." You may have done so yourself in the past. This year we challenge each of you to identify something that you take for granted but that you could live without and to "give up" that something for Lent. BUT here's where the extra giving back to God comes into play: Put whatever that something is worth in actual money value into the offering plate each Sunday of Lent. And remember that this is *extra* giving. It should be over and above what you normally put into the offering plate.

For example, smokers could give up one pack of cigarettes a week (or whatever amount they decide) and could put what they would have had to pay for

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those cigarettes into the offering plate. Kids could give up a candy bar; a family could eat out one less night a week; someone else might give up a large venti from Starbucks. Be creative in seeing what you can come up with.

So that we will be able to announce an amount of the total extra giving at the end of Lent, please put your extra giving in an envelope from the back of the pew and label it "Extra Lenten Giving" or just write those words on the bottom of your check. This extra giving will go into the General Fund and not into any other designated fund so that there are no strings attached to it. What you give is between you and God. Trust that God will do good with whatever you give, and that the church council will use your money wisely.

If you want to identify what you gave up, that might make a fun list for a future newsletter, but that's entirely up to you.

--The Stewardship Committee

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## *A Word of Thanks*

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift you presented me. I had totally not expected it, and it was a pleasant surprise. You also blessed me and so many others with your support of our Summit ministry at Thanksgiving and at Christmas, for which I am most grateful. Thank you again for everything, and God bless all of you.

~ Love, Jeannie

Thanks to all for the unexpected Christmas gift. It is truly appreciated! ~ Mark Perkins

To HBUMC:

Thank you for the generous Christmas Gift. Your love and tolerance for all those "off notes" is so appreciated. There are so many people that serve so beautifully with little recognition, I am humbled.

~ Lilli Parker

Darla and I thank you for the cards, thoughts and gifts during the Christmas season. It is a joy to be your pastor. ~ Bro.Gary

I would like to express my sincere thanks for my gift from the Church. I am back at Church now and hope I won't miss any more for a while. It is always good to get back with my Church family. I always draw strength from you all.

I would also like to express my thanks for the food, fruit basket, Christmas goodies, cards, phone calls, and visits as a result of my knee surgery.

~ Becky Williamson

My thanks and gratitude to all of you for the Christmas gift! It is very much appreciated!

~ Wes Buttrey

## WHEN THE GROUND SHAKES

BY: Emalie Egan

Thursday morning, nine days after the first earthquake rumbled through Haiti, a rescue crew pulled a seven year old and his older sister out of the rubble of a school. This tiny child held his arms up to an American fireman who lifted him through the dust and the ruins. Strong arms lifted this tiny child gently into the first fresh air he had breathed in nine days. The fireman held this little boy high in the air, but he reached down to hug the neck of his rescuer, and then he threw his arms open and looked up to the sky, smiling from ear to ear, as if to show God and everyone in the crowd that he was alive and well! Then he hugged the fireman again. The fireman was a huge man, looming like a giant above the crowd, smiling and crying, holding this tiny child as if he were as light as a twig. Two insights struck me as I watched this amazing scene unfold on my television, so far from the dust and ashes.

First, life is so uncertain for all of us. Every moment is so important. I am so glad to worship in a place where we have opportunities to show our love and concern for one another, to our children and you, and to the children and youth around the world who lost what little they had when the earth shook and their houses pancaked like a house of cards. Hickory Bend quickly raised over \$1000! Because we are a connectional ministry, 100% of that money will go to relief! The infrastructure is already in place through our apportionments! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Second, how wonderful to know that no matter how much the ground shakes, or how much things tumble and fall, someone is looking for us, and will come to us in our hour of deepest need. When we turn toward the Light of the World, we can be lifted into the fresh air and the joy of our rescue. We serve a Great God, and He is able!

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDIES

The Gospel of Luke – Teacher: Mitzi Anderson  
The Book of Psalms – Teacher: Ethel Burnett  
The Gospel of Matthew: - Teacher: Gary Brock

*"Your words are my heritage for ever;  
they are the joy of my heart ...  
I put my hope in your Word"*



## Warmth in Winter

BY: Victoria Egan

1/29/10, 5:00 pm - 1/31/10, 1:00 pm

Hey Youth, we are going to Warmth in Winter. The cost is \$45, but have partial scholarships to lower the cost. Email Emalie @ discoteach@gmail.com if you can come. I hope we have a blast!!! Warmth in Winter is a "youth renewal weekend" that takes place during January 29-31. The band Pocket Full of Rocks will appear!!! The speaker will be Rev. Brenda Salter McNeil!!!

Meet at the church at 5:00 Friday, the 29th. Be prepared to sleep at the church Friday night. Call Emalie if you have any further questions. 615-403-8455.

### PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Mike Baker, Elizabeth Clingan, Barry Cloyd, Caleb England, Kenny England, Brian Ginnetti, Russell Lewis Jones, Mitch McDannald, Jeff McInturff, Amanda & Brad McMahan, Matthew Miesner, Joshua Mitchner, Jason Nevitt, David Parker, Joshua Snowbarger, Jess Summar, Zachery Taube, Bobby Woods.

### FEBRUARY SERMON SCHEDULE

- February 7** "Don't tell us THAT!"  
Scripture: Matthew 10:16-34
- February 14** "And God said: "Pay attention!"  
Scripture: Matthew 17:1-13
- February 17** "All the sugar and  
twice the caffeine"  
Scripture: Matthew 6:19-34
- February 21** "Look what I found!"  
Scripture: Matthew 13:10-16,  
34-35, 44-53
- February 28** "You want it! It's yours!"  
Scripture: Matthew 13:54-14:11

### MAKING ROOM IN THE INN

#### *Come help Hickory Bend make Room In The Inn!*

We have a few more Room In The Inn events this season. Come help us make beds, serve supper, pass out lingerie, or play games.

We need to train a few more innkeepers. Have you considered spending the night with us? We would like to expand our ministry to an additional week next season. In order to do this we need a few more innkeepers. Your primary responsibilities are to . . . well . . . to sleep! Could you spend one night with our homeless guests? If Hickory Bend could train a few more innkeepers, we could double the blessings. If you have any questions about the responsibilities of an innkeeper, call Judy at 615-754-4482, or Emalie at 615-403-8455.

Only two more nights this season:

**February 26, 2010, 5pm - February 27, 2010, 7:30 am**  
**March 26, 2010, 5:00 pm to March 27, 2010 7:30 am**

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

### *My Name Is Legion*

*"Within my earthly temple, there's a crowd;  
There's one of us that's humble, one that's proud.  
There's one that's broken-hearted for his sins.  
There's one that unrepentant sits and grins.  
There's one that loves his neighbor as himself.  
And one that cares for naught but fame and self.  
From much corroding care, I should be free  
If I could once determine which is me."  
(Edward Sanford Martin)*

Our study of the SEVEN DEADLY SINS IN TODAY'S WORLD will continue.

### Souper Bowl Sunday

**You can't watch the Super Bowl Hungry!**  
**February 7, 2010 - 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm**

Let the UMYF provide you with a hearty meal so that you can enjoy every moment of this once in a lifetime (or 44th in a lifetime) event! Have the party chefs at UMYF make your lunch for you. Join us in the fellowship hall for pre-game celebration, or take your food to go. Either way, you will enjoy the game so much more, if you don't have to stop to satisfy your hunger.

All the proceeds go toward youth missions. (Don't you want to get rid of us for a week this summer?)

### January 2010 Stewardship

DATE	ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
12/24/09	72	\$314 General Fund \$ 10 Hardship Fund
12/27/09	75	\$2,080.06 General fund \$710 Hardship Fund \$145 Reid Memorial (Youth Missions)
1/03/10	67	\$3,752 General Fund \$7 Hardship Fund
1/10/10	65	\$1,266 General Fund \$ 113 Children's Fund \$ 50 Reid Memorial \$ 25 Youth Missions
1/17/10	83	\$1,792.10 General Fund \$151 Wed Night Meals \$13 Hardship Fund \$5 Youth Missions \$1,358 Haiti Relief Fund
1/24/10	83	\$1,374.06 General Fund \$ 130 Wed Night Meals
1/31/10	*	*

\$ 2,153 needed weekly in general fund to meet 2010 budget  
\*will be reported in March issue of Hickory Leaf

## *Perky's Corner*

Welcome to the Perky's Corner, a place we can share our accomplishments during the past month. If you have any entries for next month's newsletter please e-mail me at [mkperk@tds.net](mailto:mkperk@tds.net)

Congrats to all who helped make this year's Christmas Float a great success, first place again!

Well done to Amber Thacker for recently graduating!

Bravo to all of the Youth and Counselors for a fabulous Christmas Musical.

Helen Mitchner whose H.S. Basketball team won the Greenbank Classic Christmas Tournament and she made All Tournament Team.

Happy Anniversary to Courtney and Jamie Brown who just celebrated their 3rd anniversary!

Congratulations to David & Debbie Keith on the birth of their third great grandson - Michael Anthony Taylor. Mat was born on December 1, 2009.

If you have any accomplishments that you'd like published in next month's newsletter, please email the information to Mark Perkins at [mkperk@tds.net](mailto:mkperk@tds.net)

## REMINDERS. . . . .

**HOLY COMMUNION OFFERING** - Money left on the communion rail helps to fund much of what we are able to do in the community.

**FOOD BANK** - Please bring non-perishable food items weekly, to be delivered once a month to **East Nashville Cooperative Ministries**.

**"Box Tops for Education"** We're still collecting these labels for the Red Bird Mission.

**"Lions Recycle for Sight"** Chuck and Becky Williamson are continuing to collect glasses, (reading or prescription) and sunglasses (regular or prescription) for the Lion's Club. Please see one of them if you have any glasses you'd like to donate.

Visit our website - [hickorybendumc.com](http://hickorybendumc.com) to check for important church news and information!

## DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN

When the worst thing you could do at school was smoke in the bathrooms, flunk a test or chew gum. And the banquets were in the cafeteria and we danced to a juke box later, and all the girls wore fluffy pastel gowns and the boys wore suits for the first time and we were allowed to stay out till 12 a.m.

When a '57 Chevy was everyone's dream car . . . to cruise, peel out, lay rubber and watch drag races, and people went steady and girls wore a class ring with an inch of wrapped dental floss or yarn coated with pastel frost nail polish so it would fit her finger.

And no one ever asked where the car keys were 'cause they were always in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked. And you got in big trouble if you accidentally locked the doors at home, since no one ever had a key.

Remember lying on your back on the grass with your friends and saying things like "That cloud looks like a..."

And playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game. Back then, baseball was not a psychological group learning experience - - it was a game.

Remember when stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals 'cause no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.

And ...with all our progress ... don't you just wish ... just once ... you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace ... and share it with the children of the 80's and 90's ...

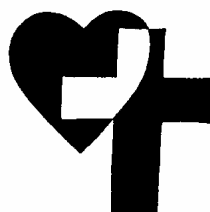
So share this with someone who can still remember Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys, Laurel & Hardy, Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery, The Lone Ranger, The Shadow Knows, Nellie Belle, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk as well as the sound of a real mower on Saturday morning, and summers filled with bike rides, playing in cowboy land, baseball games, bowling and visits to the pool ... and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

When being sent to the principal's office was nothing compared to the fate that awaited a misbehaving student at home.

Basically, we were in fear for our lives, but it wasn't because of drive-by shootings, drugs, gangs, etc. Our parents and grandparents were a much bigger threat! But we all survived because their love was greater than the threat.

Didn't that feel good, just to go back and say, "Yeah, I remember that!" And was it really that long ago?

*(from senior-center.com)*



Where your treasure  
is, there your heart  
will be also. Matthew 6:19

# HICKORY BEND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## 2010 Church Leadership

### CHURCH COUNCIL 2010

*"The membership shall include but not be limited to the following" (DISCIPLINE, ¶ 252*

Chair:	Emalie Egan
Council Vice-Chair:	Debbie Withrow
Pastor	Gary Brock
Secretary	Gabby Troster
Lay Leader	Mitzi Anderson
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Jim Adair
Financial Secretary	Shari Adair
Financial Secretary	Bobbie Jones
PPR Chair	Wesley Buttrey
PPR Vice-Chair	<i>To be named</i>
Treasurer	Gene Parker
Finance and Stewardship Chair	Larry Rucker
Finance and Stewardship Vice-Chair	Shari Adair
Trustees Chair	Jim Bilbrey
Trustees Vice-chair	Brian Caldwell
Education	Cindy Bilbrey
Long Range Planning Chair	Brian Caldwell
Long Range Planning Vice-Chair	David Keith, Sr.
Worship Chair	Cathy Caldwell
Worship Vice-Chair	Mark Perkins
Room In The Inn Co-Chairs	Emalie Egan & Judy Sharpe
Church Social Event Chair	Debbie Withrow
Church Social Event Vice-Chair	<i>To be named</i>
Youth Representative	Victoria Egan
Young Adult Representative	Margaret Williamson

### COMMITTEES

#### LAY LEADERSHIP

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Wesley Buttrey	Chuck Williamson	
Debbie Withrow	Jim Bilbrey	
+Pastor (Chair Person)	+Lay Leader	

#### PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS

CHAIR: Wes Buttrey

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Emalie Egan	Gale Porter	Judy Sharpe
Gabby Troster	Donna Vaughn	Elizabeth Egan
Wesley Buttrey	James Bilbrey	Larry Rucker
Lilli Parker		
+Lay Leader (ex-officio w/o vote)		Pastor
+Lay Member to Annual Conference (ex-officio w/o vote)		

#### TRUSTEES

CHAIR: Jim Bilbrey

Vice-Chair: Brian Caldwell

<u>Class of 2010</u>	<u>Class of 2011</u>	<u>Class of 2012</u>
Chuck Williamson	David Keith	Gabby Troster
Jim Bilbrey	Jamie Brown	Megan Troster
Stephanie Buttrey	James Bilbrey	

#### FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Chair	Larry Rucker
Vice-chair*	Shari Adair
Pastor	Gary Brock
Lay Leader*	Mitzi Anderson
Lay Member to Annual Conference*	Jim Adair
Chairperson of Administrative Council*	Emalie Egan
Chairperson of PPR Committee*	Wes Buttrey
Chairperson of Trustees*	Jim Bilbrey
Chairperson of Long Range Planning Team*	Brian Caldwell
Member	Benita Egan
Financial Secretaries	Shari Adair*
	Bobbie Jones
	Gene Parker
Treasurer	Faye Patterson
Chuck Williamson	Janet Hart
Larry Rucker	
<b>Subcommittee on Stewardship</b>	<b>Gene Parker, Chair</b>

### MINISTRY TEAMS

#### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cathy Caldwell
Vice-Chair: Mark Perkins (Music Minister)
Mitzi Anderson, Lay Leader
Jeannie Gleaves, Music Ensemble
Lilli Parker, Music Ensemble
Wesley Buttrey, Music Ensemble
David Keith, Sound System
Gabby Troster, Secretary
Holy Communion: To be named
Acolytes: Betty Whitaker
Greeting Usher: Albert Burnett
Head Offering Usher: Bob Mitchell
Offering Usher: Maurice Jackson
Altar/Church Decoration: Joan Williams
Altar/Church Decoration: Barbara Walls
Debbie Keith Candy Rucker

#### EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Cindy Bilbrey
Vice-Chair: Becky Williamson
Ethel Burnett Shari Adair
Mitzi Anderson Kelly Gibson
Lilli Parker Robbie Williamson
Barbara Walls Emalie Egan
Helen Mitchner Margaret Williamson

#### LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

CHAIR: Brian Caldwell*
David Keith (Vice-Chair)*
Emalie Egan Jim Adair
Donna Vaughn Jeannie Gleaves
Debbie Keith Mitzi Anderson
Chuck Porter Mike Sullivan
Lauren Rucker Pastor

### NATURE, OUTREACH & WITNESS TEAMS

#### ROOM IN THE INN

CO-CHAIRS: Emalie Egan and Judy Sharpe
Ned Egan Albert & Ethel Burnett
Lyn Randall Victoria Egan
Jeannie Gleaves Elizabeth Egan
Debbie Withrow

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

CO-CHAIRS: Jim & Shari Adair
Jeannie Gleaves Shirley Jackson
Debbie Withrow Albert & Ethel Burnett

#### MEALS FOR THE SICK & FUNERAL FLOWERS

Joan Williams Jeannie Gleaves
Julia Witt Albert & Ethel Burnett

#### POTLUCKS & CHURCH SOCIAL EVENTS

CHAIR: Debbie Withrow
Jeannie Gleaves Joan Williams
Becky Williamson Cathy Caldwell
Helen Mitchner Elizabeth Egan
Shirley Jackson Debbie Keith
Albert & Ethel Burnett Mitzi Anderson

#### YOUTH EVENT COORDINATORS

Emalie Egan Jim Adair
Jim Bilbrey Bethany Caldwell

*Come Cruise With Us  
to Exotic Ports of Call  
On the Flagship ...*

*SS Hickory Loveboat*



*Leaving Home Port (Fellowship Hall)  
Saturday, February 13, at 3 bells (5:30 P.M.)  
Please be the Captain's Guest for Prime Rib Dinner*

*1200 Reservations*

*\$15 or  
\$25 per couple  
11 and under \$5*

*Entertainment:  
Silver Starlet  
Island Girls*

See any member of the choir for tickets Or call 889-1360 for Reservations

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605 Stewarts Ferry Pike, near the I-40 off-ramp

**DINNER  
MENU**

**Hors d'oeuvre**

Kiwi slices, mango slices, and fresh strawberries in a cup, sprinkled with brown sugar and topped with a dollop of vanilla yogurt

**Asian Salad**

Curly lettuce, mandarin oranges, slivered almonds, and Chinese noodles. Choice of Asian Sesame Dressing or Homemade Celery Seed Dressing

**Entree**

Prime Rib, accompanied by mushrooms in wine sauce

Pacific Rim Potatoes  
Riviera Rice Pilaf  
Mauna Loa Pineapple Caserole  
Steamed broccoli (in lemon-butter sauce)  
Orange-glazed carrots  
Dinner rolls

**Dessert**

Coconut Cake  
Cheese Cake

**Hickory Bend 2009 Year-end Giving Report**

During 2009 **80** giving units (up from 66 in 2008), including 16 children and youth (up from 8 in 2008), were contributors to the church's budget. (Note: a giving unit is defined as an individual, couple, or family, not including visitors and memorial donors.) In addition **39** visitors/friends gave gifts or memorials.

The following chart reflects our total income from identified givers (not counting visitors' gifts or memorials) divided into six levels. Each column indicates how many giving units gave at that level, the combined total of their gifts, and the percentage of the total yearly income from regular givers each combined total represents. Find your level and prayerfully consider what it would take for you to move up in the coming year.

					<b>Level 6</b> \$4,000 plus <b>7 Giving Units</b> \$47,879.56 <b>41.2%</b>
				<b>Level 5</b> \$3,000 to \$3,999 <b>3 Giving Units</b> \$11,215.29 <b>9.7%</b>	
		<b>Level 4</b> \$2,000 to \$2,999 <b>13 Giving Units</b> \$32,472.22 <b>27.9%</b>			
	<b>Level 3</b> \$1,000 to \$1,999 <b>7 Giving Units</b> \$9,319.93 <b>8%</b>				
	<b>Level 2</b> \$500 to \$999 <b>13 Giving Units</b> \$10,417.37 <b>9%</b>				
<b>Level 1</b> \$1 to \$499 <b>37 Giving Units</b> \$4,874.19 <b>4.2%</b>					

In addition to the above amounts from identified givers, unidentified givers gave \$9,807.76 (loose money in the offering plate) and visitors/friends gave \$5,249.50 We've had a great year. Let's make 2010 even better.



## RECIPE CORNER

### Black Forest Mini Cheesecakes\*

18 to 24 vanilla wafer cookies  
 2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened  
 1-1/4 cups sugar  
 1/3 cup HERSHEY'S Cocoa  
 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour  
 3 eggs  
 1 container (8 oz.) dairy sour cream  
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract  
 SOUR CREAM TOPPING(recipe follows)  
 canned cherry pie filling, chilled

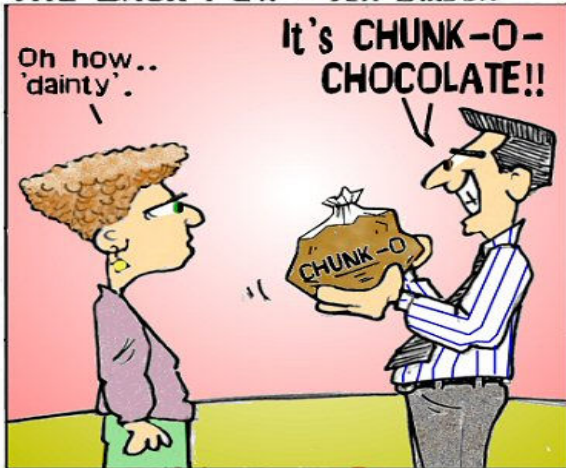
#### Directions:

1. Heat oven to 325°F. Line muffin cups (2-1/2 inches in diameter) with foil bake cups. Place one vanilla wafer (flat-side down) in bottom of each cup.
2. Beat cream cheese in large bowl until smooth. Add sugar, cocoa and flour; blend well. Add eggs; beat well. Stir in sour cream and almond extract. Fill each muffin cup almost full with batter.
3. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until set. Remove from oven; cool 5 to 10 minutes. Spread heaping teaspoon SOUR CREAM TOPPING on each cup. Cool completely in pan on wire rack; refrigerate. Just before serving, garnish with cherry pie filling. Cover; refrigerate leftover cheesecakes. 1-1/2 to 2 dozen cheesecakes.

SOUR CREAM TOPPING: Stir together 1 container (8 oz.) dairy sour cream, 2 tablespoons sugar and 1 teaspoon vanilla extract in small bowl until sugar is dissolved

\*www.hersheys.com

### THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



Candy for Valentines Day .. Good Candy from Bulk Foods store is not Mt. 7:11, Lk. 11:13 God gives perfect gifts, people give good gifts, 'husbands' .. well, we try hard.

http://thebackpew.com

## GOOD GRUB CAFE

### February 24 Is *Bring-a-Friend-to-Good-Grub* Night

Ask your neighbors, your work colleagues, people who jog on your street, your postal worker, your dental hygienist, and anyone else you can think of to join you on February 24 for a great meal for only \$3 if they're newcomers. Good Grub presents a marvelous opportunity for low-key non-threatening evangelism. And it works! What's our proof? Our wonderful Charlie Scott was Gene Parker's guest last year.

Shari gets antsy waiting for spring to come, so she comes up with new projects. This month she's going to try a new dessert recipe every week, and she's using regional cookbooks as her inspiration. Each of the desserts below comes from a different city's Junior League cookbook.

**February 3:** Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Pea-Cheese Salad, Fresh-baked Rolls, Golden Apricot Bars (New Orleans, Louisiana)

**February 10:** Sweet and Sour Chicken, Green Beans With Basil, Broccoli-Cauliflower Salad, Fresh-baked Rolls, Chocolate Cheesecake (Owensboro, Kentucky)

**February 17:** No Good Grub

**February 24:** Roast Pork, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Chinese Fried Carrots, Tossed Salad, Fresh-baked Rolls, Hot Fruit Compote (Savannah, Georgia)

If you have favorite menu items you would like us to serve sometime, be sure to let us know. We'll try anything that market prices allow. **Remember** that first-time customers get a reduced price (\$3), so bring your friends, especially on the 24th. All proceeds above the cost of food go to the new entrance building fund.

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	SCRIPTURE	READER	CHILDREN'S SERMON	NURSERY VOLUNTEERS	COMMUNION STEWARDS
2/07/10	Matthew 10:16-34	Miranda Bilbrey	Cathy Caldwell	Cindy Bilbrey Victoria Egan	Trosters & Parkers
2/14/10	Matthew 17:1-13	Gabby Troster	Bro. Gary	Ethel Burnett Brianna Caldwell	
2/17/10	Ash Wednesday	volunteer			volunteer
2/21/10	Matthew 13:10-16, 34-35, 44-53	Gene Parker	Emalie Egan	Courtney Brown Samantha Perkins	
2/28/10	Matthew 13:54-14:11	Debbie Withrow	Mitzi Anderson	Robbie Williamson Lauren Rucker	
3/07/10		Lauren Rucker	Cathy Caldwell	Kelly Gibson Meagan Troster	Egan Families



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  (B) Cindy Bilbrey	2  <b>GROUNDHOG DAY</b>  (A) Bob & Regene Mitchell	3 Worship Comm Mtg 5p Good Grub 5:30p Bible Study 6p Band Practice 6:15p Choir 6:45p  (B) Mike Sullivan	4     (B) Mitzi Anderson	5     (B) Eve White	6
7  <b>UMYF SOUPER BOWL LUNCHEON</b>	8	9	10 Good Grub 5:30p Bible Study 6p Band Practice 6:15p Choir 6:45p	11	12  <b>LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY</b>   (B) Helen (Mama) Mitchner	13  <b>VALENTINE DINNER</b>
14  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> UMYF 5:30p  (B) Barbara Warren (A) Bobby & Williette Kallon	15  <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	16 <b>LONG RANGE PLANNING 5p</b>	17 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY SVC 6p</b>  Choir 6:45p	18     (B) Gayle Bearden	19	20
21  <b>UMYF 5:30p</b>  (B) Lucille Rohrer	22 <b>WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY</b>   (B) Chad Withrow	23	24 Good Grub 5:30p Bible Study 6p Band Practice 6:15p Choir 6:45p	25	26  <b>ROOM IN THE INN</b>	27  <b>BLANKET BRIGADE 9a</b>
28  <b>UMYF 5:30p</b>						

# FUNNIES

## WITNESSING BARBER

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So please give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you.....Are you ready to die?"

## BAPTISM: KID STYLE

My grandfather was an old time minister and loved to tell about when he came home and heard voices singing, "Shall We Gather At The River". He tip-toed along the hedge fence until he could see where it came from. A dozen of his grandchildren were sitting by the small pool in the backyard and one grandson was standing in the pool getting ready to baptize one of his cousins. In an almost perfect imitation of his grandfather, he asked: "Do you confess your sins?" "I do", replied the cousin. "Then," said the grandson, "I baptized thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and into the hole-ye-go".

## CANDY LOVE

Four-year-old Sam loved candy almost as much as his mom Sally did. He and Daddy had given her a beautiful heart-shaped box of chocolates for Valentine's Day. A few days later Sam was eyeing it, wishing to have a piece of it. As he reached out to touch one of the big pieces, Sally said to him, "If you touch it, then you have to eat it. Do you understand?" "Oh, yes," he said, nodding his head. Suddenly his little hand patted the tops of all the pieces of candy. "Now I can eat them all."

## VALENTINE HUMOR

Q. What did the valentine card say to the stamp?

A. Stick with me and we'll go places!

Q. What do farmers give their wives on Valentine's Day?

A. Hogs and kisses!

Q. Do skunks celebrate Valentine's Day?

A. Sure, they're very scent-imental!

Q. What did the chocolate syrup say to the ice cream?

A. "I'm sweet on you!"

Q. What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

A. "I find you very attractive."

Q. What did one pickle say to the other?

A. "You mean a great dill to me."

Q. What did the elephant say to his girlfriend?

A. "I love you a ton!"

Q. What did the bat say to his girlfriend?

A. "You're fun to hang around with."

Q. Did you hear about the nearsighted porcupine?

A. He fell in love with a pin cushion!

Q. What did the pencil say to the paper?

A. "I dot my i's on you!"

Q. What did one light bulb say to the other?

A. "I love you a whole watt!"

Q. What did the caveman give his wife on Valentine's Day?

A. Ughs and kisses!

Knock, Knock! Who's there?

Olive.

Olive who?

Olive you! [I love you]



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