

Opportunities to Serve

Sunday, March 7

Informal Cokesbury Service.....	8:30 a.m.
Sunday School.....	9:45 a.m.
Refreshments.....	10:40 a.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	10:40 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service	10:55 a.m.
Birthday Celebration for Voncille Perkins	2:00 p.m.
Adult Handbell Rehearsal	5:00 p.m.
Jr. and Sr. High MYF.....	5:30 p.m.
The Common Meal (Hosts: Beth Starling/Sherry Starling)	6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 8

Boy Scouts	6:30 p.m.
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Tuesday, March 9

Men’s Bible Study (Fellowship Hall).....	6:15 a.m.
Discipleship Class (Ann Love Classroom)	10:00 a.m.
A Covenant Group (Conference Room)	11:00 a.m.
Juvenile Redirection Program (Youth Room)	6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 10

Troy Charity League Meeting.....	8:30 a.m.
After School FaithWeaver Friends Program	3:00 p.m.
Preschool Friends	4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.
Friends/Chorus.....	5:30 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Discipleship Classes.....	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal.....	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 11

Alcoholics Anonymous	7:00 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church

Informal Cokesbury Service

March 7, 2010

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose glory the heavens are telling, whose power the earth and sea declare, and whose greatness is revealed in all feeling and thinking creatures everywhere: to thee belong glory, honor, dominion, and power, now and forever, world without end. **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

Leader: Let us unite in this historic confession of the Christian faith:
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymns of Praise

I Am Thine, O Lord	No. 139
The Lily Of The Valley	No. 244

Celebrations of Praise and Thanksgiving

Hymns of Preparation

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me	No. 71
Whispering Hope	No. 245

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:9

The Morning Message

Rev. McVay

“Doing No Harm and Being Peacemakers”

Holy Communion

Insert

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The pastor would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to assist in your spiritual walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Rev. McVay may be reached at 566-4400 or by email at dmcvay@troycable.net

Closing Hymn

Break Thou The Bread Of Life No. 88

Benediction

Announcements

Our March mission emphasis is Relay for Life. Please make your check payable to FUMC and earmark it “Relay for Life.”

This month we will supply non-perishable food items and paper products for the food pantry at Troy’s Salvation Army. This project is sponsored by the Annie B. Green Sunday School Class. Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall and the Annie B. Green classroom.

Isn’t it time for a new FUMC Cookbook? Methodist Favorites - Heirloom Edition was published in 1994. If we worked really hard we could be ready in time for Christmas gifting. Anyone interested in being on the work committee contact Elaine Blair or the church office. A meeting will be set and a time to submit recipes will begin.

You are invited
to join us
today at 2:00 p.m.
in the Church Parlor
as we celebrate the
100th birthday
of
Mrs. Voncille Perkins

Pastor's Corner

Doing No Harm and Being Peacemakers

Matthew 5:9

Peacemakers “do no harm” in the midst of conflict, yet, they are by no means passive. They deal forth rightly with the issues and concerns at hand, while at the same time respecting that all persons stand on common ground and share a common faith. Peacemakers are the strongest of all, and through them the kingdom of God emerges through conflict that is managed in ways that are truly Christ-like. Listed below are four practices of peacemakers in the midst of conflict:

(ONE)

Peacemakers do not gossip about any conflict through which they are engaged.

(TWO)

Peacemakers do not speak disparagingly of others involved within a conflict.

(OVER)

(THREE)

Peacemakers do not manipulate the facts of a conflict.

(FOUR)

Peacemakers do not diminish those who disagree with them.

[Outline based upon “Three Simple Rules” by Finley, p. 18]

The Three Simple Rules

Do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.

The Great Thanksgiving For Early In Lent

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

(OVER)

Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (*God*), now and for ever.

Amen.

