

Opportunities to Serve

Sunday, February 5

-Fellowship Hall reserved from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm -

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.
Meet ME at the Altar	10:50 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
WAM! Children's Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Meeting	4:00 p.m.
Youth Super Bowl Party	5:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6

Beginner Yoga (Pathfinders Classroom)	5:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.
Velma M. Carroll Circle Meeting	7:00 p.m.

(Hostess: Bobbie Swisher, 926 University Avenue)

Tuesday, February 7

Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)	6:15 a.m.
Wesley Covenant Group Meeting (Conference Room)	9:30 a.m.
Cotton Rose Quilters (Fellowship Hall)	6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8

Wesley Covenant Group Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Church Staff Luncheon	11:00 a.m.
After School Friends	3:00 p.m.
Preschool Friends.....	4:00 p.m.
Fellowship Meal	5:00 p.m.

(Menu: Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Waldorf Salad, Rolls,
Bread Pudding, Pizza for Kids)

U.M. Youth Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
Wesley Covenant Group	6:00 p.m.
Helping Hands Ministry	6:00 p.m.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9

Alcoholics Anonymous (Youth Room)	7:00 p.m.
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First United Methodist Church

Informal Cokesbury Service

February 5, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Everlasting God, how good and fitting it is to sing your praises and worship your name. From the beginning of time, you have revealed yourself to us in mighty acts of power and miraculous gifts of grace. From the tiniest seed to the mightiest ocean, you show us your presence and your power. Speak to us now, that we may truly hear. Inspire us now, that we may truly know. Lift up our eyes, that we may truly see you as the everlasting God, the One who never faints or grows weary. Lift up our hearts, that we may truly feel your strength at every moment of our journey. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Lift up your eyes to the witness of the earth.

God's presence is here, in the plants and the trees.

Lift up your eyes to the canvas of the heavens.

God's praises are proclaimed by the stars above.

Lift up your eyes to the love of God.

**God's grace abounds, in the courage of the weak
and the strength of the downtrodden.**

Lift up your voices to join in the song.

It is good to sing praise to our Creator God!

Hymns of Praise

My Redeemer No. 47

Into My Heart No. 190

Celebrations of Praise and Thanksgiving

Hymns of Preparation

I Am Thine, O Lord No. 139

The Way Of The Cross Leads Home No. 141

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 40:28-31

Morning Message

Rev. David McVay
"Waiting for the Lord"

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 (334) 465-5317 or by email at dmcvay@troycable.net

Closing Hymn

How Firm A Foundation No. 48

Benediction

Announcements

Looking for a work out that will bring your mind, body, and spirit together while increasing flexibility and strength? Join Beginner Yoga with Carrie Reif Monday nights beginning January 30 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Pathfinders Sunday School Class. The class will cover beginning yoga poses and relaxation techniques to improve breathing and awareness.

The Daycare is selling red Double Knock Out Roses for their fundraiser this month. The plants will be in 3 gallon pots and are \$20 each. They will be available for pick-up on Monday, February 13 from 12:00 noon to 5:30 p.m. at the Daycare. Orders are due by February 7 and may be turned in to the daycare office. See enclosed order form.

The Young at Heart will meet February 16 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. The menu will be Gumbo over Rice, Mardi Gras Slaw, French Bread, and Mardi Gras Pie. Please call the church office by Tuesday, February 14 to make your reservations.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

God of grace and glory, we come to you in our human frailty. We come faint with exhaustion. We come downtrodden with powerlessness. We come embarrassed by our sinfulness. We come sick with fever or burdened with sorrows. Bind up our wounds, O God. Heal our broken hearts. Forgive our mistaken actions. Release our destructive thoughts. Lift us up, that we may walk in your light, forgiven and free, strengthened and renewed, to be the delight of your eyes. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. From everlasting to everlasting, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. Have we not known? Have we not heard? From the beginning, you have created and are creating. When we have not known or heard, when we have forgotten or neglected your truth, you have redeemed us and renewed us. From the earth's first gardens to mountaintop storms, you have spoken to us and entrusted us to be your people. From laws on tablets to warnings from prophets, you have spoken your truth and renewed your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

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

Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world. Healing and teaching, proclaiming and prophesying, Christ continues to reveal your presence even now. Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness.

In Christ's grace, we renew our strength and rise up with wings like eagles. As children of your new covenant, sealed by water the Spirit, we come to you now with joy and gratitude, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced weakness and fear, and shared it with friends and betrayers, disciples and deniers alike.

On that night before his death, Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to the 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, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in 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 of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as children of your covenant, in union with Christ's love for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

