

### March Madness!

Basketball fans should be easy to deal with over the next few weeks, unless of course one of their teams got left out of the "big dance." I'm talking about the 64 teams who are invited to participate in the NCAA tournament that begins this weekend. Part of the excitement for teams and fans is waiting to see whether or not they made it into the tournament and then where they are playing. Those teams whose futures were uncertain were described as being "on the bubble." Those who didn't make it, well, their bubble "burst" and hopefully they'll find another tournament.

The tournament is typically called "March Madness" as it of course begins this month and creates a lot of chaos and fun for teams, fans, and TV programming. Even though I don't follow basketball on a consistent basis, I will be interested and excited to see how the teams fare and who among us had the correct "bracket."

Another aspect of March madness relates to our church, as we have been going through a difficult budgeting process. Our Finance Board will be presenting our 2010-11 Ministry Plan soon and it will include significant reductions in many areas of our budget. It's never easy cutting costs, and many of us understand that on a personal level so that reality will be translated into where we are as a church family.

I appreciate the Finance Board's willingness to close the gap between our budget receipts and operating budget. My hope and prayer is that all of us will get behind this new fiscal budget with our prayers, support, and giving. This has the potential to create be a very unpleasant experience for us, or we can handle this with grace and a desire to respond to our economic condition with the hope of better days ahead.

One new budget item in this year's budget is called Vision 20/20. It's a relatively small amount, but I wanted you to see that this visioning process will begin this fiscal year. I will be formulating a Vision 20/20 task force soon which will evaluate, among other things, areas related to our organization, mission, personnel, facilities, and mission. My goal is to have a team in place who will deal with where our church has been in the past, where we need to be ten years from now, and develop a plan to get there.

I wanted to add a word of thanks to Cory for coordinating a wonderful Youth Sunday service. Please let him, our youth leadership, and youth know of your gratitude. Let's keep them encouraged.

The season of Lent has had special meaning for me this year. I have been praying for personal renewal and also for our church family. Let's do our best to stay faithful in the weeks leading up to Easter. Thank you for service and sweet spirit. See you Sunday!

Your pastor and friend,  
Danny

## 2nd Annual



### Want to help?

- Donate a dozen filled plastic eggs in the basket outside of the library between now and April 2.
- Invite friends, family and neighbors to attend.
- Volunteer to come early and hide eggs.
- Volunteer to man one of the play stations for kids who aren't currently hunting eggs.
- Donate toward the prize table.
- **BE THERE!**

### Thank You

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued prayers, calls, cards and remembrances of me. Also, Pastor Danny and Bob Perry for their visits to the hospital.

I am so thankful to be a member of such a loving, caring church family.

God Bless,  
Dorothy Padron

### Praying with Jesus

New experiences are being recommended in the Prayer Room of the main hallway. The 40 days before Easter are traditional times of considering where we would be without Jesus and allowing him to prepare us for the celebration of his resurrection. Take a few moments to stop in the prayer room occasionally to allow the Spirit to speak to you.  
- UHBC Prayer Ministry

### DEACONS OF THE MONTH

**March, 2010**

Ed Frederickson  
Marilyn Hall

### A.R.M.S. VOLUNTEERS

**March 21-27**

Kenneth Frederickson: 883-0003  
**March 28-April 3**  
Dick & Ann Willingham: 883-0538

### BREAD MINISTRY

**March 28**

Bob Perry & Marilyn Nelson  
**April 4**

Joe & Nancy Brown

### SUNDAY'S REPORT

**March 7, 2010**

Sunday School	194
Morning Worship	236
Budget Offering	\$20,823.02

**March 14, 2010**

Sunday School	189
Morning Worship	202
Budget Offering	\$9,109.96

We are now giving at  
86.30% of our budget

### 6TH ANNUAL PRIME TIME CHILI COOK-OFF AND PIE SUPPER THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 6:30 PM



Join us in UHBC Fellowship Hall for a Prime Time tradition. Come for a wonderful evening of fellowship and food. Please sign up below by Sunday, March 21 to reserve your place and to indicate if you would be willing to bring a pot of chili or soup, or a pie or two OR if you need transportation. Be sure to put this on your March calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ will plan to attend.  
Name(s)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) will bring: \_\_\_\_\_ chili; \_\_\_\_\_ soup; \_\_\_\_\_ pie.

\_\_\_\_\_ I need transportation.



If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the attached form. You may place it in the offering plate, or turn it into the church office. You may also contact the church office at 862-0789. Easter Lilies will be \$13.50 each and will be delivered on March 31st. **Deadline to order is March 24th.** We have pre-ordered 20 Easter Lilies. Once this has been met, we may not be able to order any more. Please place your order soon.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

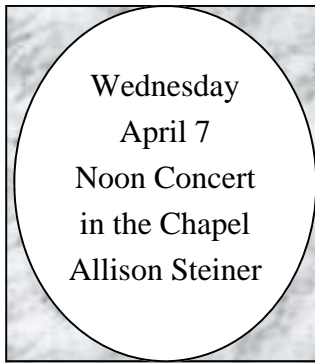
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In **honor** or **memory** of: (please circle)

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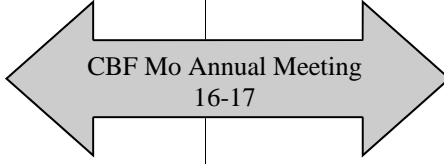
## Church Ministry Plan Schedule

March 17: Church budgets available for distribution *only*

March 24: Budget Presentation and Discussion

March 31: Budget Vote

There will be a *special called business meeting* on Wednesday, March 31 to vote on a recommendation from the Finance Board about the approval of the 2010-11 Church budget.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="font-size: 2em;">APRIL, 2010</h1>				1 Breakfast Group 8:30 am at Belgian Waffle House (Hwy. 65 & CC)	2 Office Closed <b>Good Friday</b>	3
4 <b>EASTER</b>  Observance of the Lord's Supper	5	6	7 Noon Concert—Allison Steiner in the Chapel, 12:10 pm  Dinner & Activities	8  <b>WMU Groups</b>	9 Parent's Night Out 6-9 pm	10 Christian Writer's Group 10 am—noon  "Emerge" 8:30 am—4:30 pm Fellowship Hall
11 Deacon Ordination Service 6:30 pm	12  <b>WMU Groups</b>	13  <b>WMU Groups</b>	14 Dinner & Activities	15	 <p>CBF Mo Annual Meeting 16-17</p>	
13 High Attendance Emphasis Sunday  Board Meetings	19	20	21 Dinner & Activities  Annual Reports Due	22	23	24 Chamber Orchestra of the Ozarks 7 pm
25 Chancel Choir Concert 3:00 pm	26	27  <b>WMU General Meeting 9: 15 am</b>	28 Dinner & Activities  Annual Business Meeting 6: 20 pm	29	30  Sweet Life Retreat April 30-May 1	



Polly Matthews is collecting crutches for Haiti. She requested that they be put on the stage in fellowship hall, and she will get them to the Council of Churches who will see that they get delivered to Haiti.

We all hear the news and try to respond to needs. Haiti will need help for decades, Chile is receiving relief, and lack of food and health care kill personal hope in many poor countries around the world.

Some from UHBC will go to Helena, Arkansas to work with the CBF in that impoverished county. In our own neighboring state this pocket of poverty has been identified where, because of closing factories over the years, there simply are no jobs. Families live from week to week with no pay, with no hope.

Our special offering for North American Missions helps to provide the support for missionaries to areas like Helena. Missionaries model Jesus in every aspect of a community, implementing change and its resulting hope.

- Mission Board

**Save the date**

### Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time With God

#### Women's Retreat

WHERE: Windermere Conference Center  
 WHEN: Friday Evening April 30th—Late Afternoon May 1  
 WHO: Women and Girls Fifth Grade or Older  
 HOW MUCH: \$40 Per Person  
 WHAT: A Retreat to Connect with One Another & God

Treat yourself! Step into the Sweet Life Café and satisfy your cravings for friends, God, and spiritual growth. You will stay engaged and feel a sense of belonging as we enjoy a buffet of refreshing group experiences--and reflective alone time with God.

After all the fun, you'll leave with a "sweet" reward and be encouraged and renewed in your relationship with God and others, and you'll relish knowing that Jesus is the bread of life!

More details of time and how to make reservations will come to you in the near future—but SAVE THE DATE on your calendars now!

**Sunday, March 28**  
 Palm Sunday  
 Deacon Election Day

North American Missions Offering  
 Goal: \$7,000  
 Received to date: \$1,632.00

### Happy Birthday

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4/2 Patti Brown        | 4/6 Pat Megee                  |
| 4/2 Margaret Butler    | 4/7 Linda Holt                 |
| 4/2 Mark DeWoody       | 4/7 Kitty Mackey               |
| 4/3 Cory Goode         | 4/7 Stephanie Brown            |
| 4/3 Jonathan Thomas    | 4/8 Lou Dean                   |
| 4/3 Diana Joan Hoffman | 4/9 Barbra Blackwell           |
| 4/4 Brigitte Marrs     | 4/11 Edwin Frederickson        |
| 4/5 Mary Ellen Nopper  | 4/12 Sarah Blackwell-McCormick |

### MENUS

Each meal includes soup, salad bar, bread & dessert

#### March 24

Chicken Fried Steak,  
 Potatoes/Gravy, Peas  
 Serving Group: Green

#### March 31

Meatloaf, Potatoes/Gravy,  
 Baby Carrots,  
 Serving Group: Green