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Dear God,  
 Please Bless:



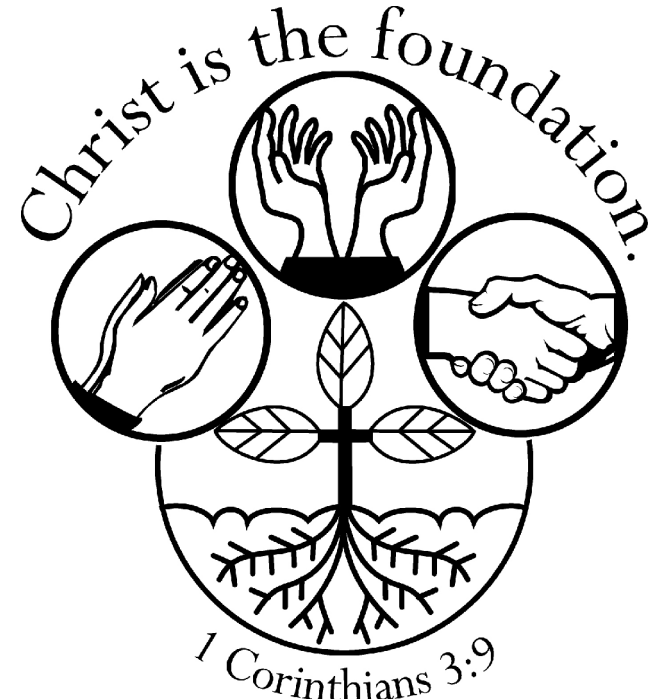
LENT

What is **Lent**? **Lent** is the 40-Day Period of repentance and renewal preceding Easter. **Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Service. Holy week commemorates Christ's last week of life on earth. It's the final, most important part of **Lent**. Observing **Lent** can help you experience the **FULL JOY** of Easter! **"Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers."** James 1:22

Please join us as we begin **Lent** on **February 17th** at **6:30 pm** at our **Ash Wednesday Service**.



THE COMMUNICATOR



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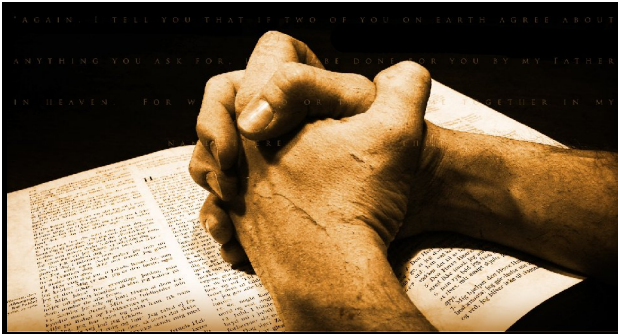
*"For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building."*  
 1 Corinthians 3:9

IN MINISTRY

Minister	Fred Carpenter
Interim Choir Director & Organist	Jamie Bryson
Admin. Asst.	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Nursery	Sharon Lutz
	Amy Dayton
Ushers	Travis Arrowood
	Todd Cathcart
	Chip Miller
	Broughton Wallin
Acolyte	Will Redmon
Greeters	Sharon Lindsay & Roxie Woody
District Superintendent—	Dr. John S. Boggs
Resident Bishop—	Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster



FROG Youth will be collecting money and canned foods for **Hominy Valley ABCCM** for the *Souper Bowl of Caring* on Sunday, February 7th. Please help our youth make a difference in our community and support their efforts. Last year with your help, FROG Youth raised \$379 and collected 73 food items for Hominy Valley ABCCM.



# PRAYER

**FEBRUARY is Prayer Ministry Focus Month at Francis Asbury UMC.**

### PRAYER VIGIL

Saturday, February 6, 2010  
from 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Please sign up on the sheet across from the office.

### EQUIP Luncheon

Sunday, February 7, 2010  
Immediately Following Morning Worship

- Evangelize
- Quiet Time Daily with God
- Use Your Gifts
- Inspire Others
- Pray without ceasing

We will enjoy a fellowship meal and then briefly discuss:

**Prayer Ministry, Usher Ministry  
Greeter Ministry**

**The Youth and Children will have  
Open Gym.**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend, especially those who serve as ushers or greeters.

## COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP MEETING



Monday, February 1st at 6:30 PM  
Montmorenci UMC

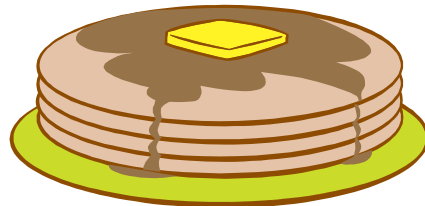
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### SPANISH CLASS

Monday, February 8th at 6:30 PM  
Francis Asbury UMC

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## Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper



February 16th from  
5:30—7 PM  
FAUMC Fellowship Hall

Freewill Donation. Proceeds go to the Costa Rica Mission Trip.

## FRANCIS ASBURY UMC

Thursday, Feb. 4th from 2 - 6:30 PM  
Howard Building



Help save a life.  
Call 667.3950  
to schedule an appointment.



## Pancake Breakfast Saturday, February 20th From 8-10AM at Fatz Café

To benefit  
ABCCM Hominy Valley  
Tickets are \$7

All you can eat pancakes  
Included will be bacon,  
sausage, fresh fruit & beverage

Please see Danya  
to purchase tickets.

Volunteers from the UMM are needed to help serve. Please see Jon Hall if you are interested.



## Church Council Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 28th at 4PM

Held in the Fellowship Hall. All council members should plan to attend.

## Francis Asbury UMC



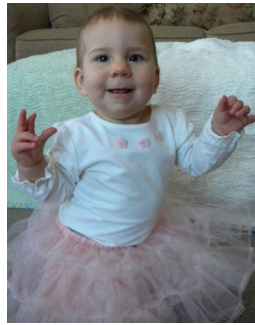
Sunday, February 28th  
Covered Dish at 5:30 PM.  
Talent show will follow.

Do you have a talent?  
Do you sing? Dance?  
Know a funny joke or story?  
Actually, you really don't even need a talent. Our last talent show proved that.

Whatever your talent or non-talent, come and share it on the stage at FAUMC. No age limit.

Please sign-up across from the church office so we can add you to the line-up.

**Snip-it from Sandy:** We gathered for our last FAB Meeting at the home of Shirley White. After eating, we all grabbed a chair or a spot on the floor. Eleven (11) month old Ali Mae Crook was crawling around and spotted my purse on the floor. She headed straight for it! Hmm~We start them out early huh? Anyway, I grabbed it and gave her a pocket mirror and a pair of sunglasses to try and pacify her.



She was perfectly content sitting in the floor, looking at herself in the mirror and chewing on my sunglasses. She was in her own little world, jabbering away as we lifted up prayer concerns. Beth Arrowood began to lead us in prayer as Ali Mae kept on jabbering with delight. Then Beth asked us to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray. As we began saying the Lord's Prayer in unison, I could not resist, because all of a sudden Ali was quiet! As my hands were clasped and my head down, I just had to peek at her. Her little jaw dropped open as she stared at all my FAB sisters praying. She looked in awe, she was astonished, then she smiled, like she got something out of our words!

How many times is God trying to do something to get our attention? How many times does he want us to stop talking and just listen? After all, he gave us two ears but only one mouth! Hmm. Sometimes, we are so quick to judge, when we really don't know the whole story. Sometimes we are so eager to offer our opinion and really, nobody even cares! We let the ugly talk fly when things don't go our way. We are quick to lose our tempers because the world is not revolving around us at the moment. We should be quick to listen, quick to forgive and quick to love! Having too much confidence is not always a good thing. However, I know of one thing that we should all have the confidence to say and that is, "Jesus died for ME!" Do you have the confidence and faith to say that? Jesus did die for YOU! Yes he did...and thanks be to God!!!

Wishing for Summer, :) Sandy

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; **Romans 12:10**

Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another. **Galatians 5:26**

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. **Philippians 2:3**

*Our last meeting* was held at the home of Shirley White. Shirley made us a 13 bean soup and cornbread! Pam Hall made us a chocolate cake! Cindy Crook provided us with the devotion based an article by Gwen Smith. The Lord does not want to be penciled into our schedules. He wants to be part of our lives. Cindy also challenged us to read Psalm 103.

**FAB business**— Danya provided us with a wonderful financial summary. FAB donated money in 2009 to the Costa Rica trip, Relay for Life, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Welcome Table, First Step Farm and much more!



We are trying something new this year called "Prayer Princesses". We drew names for this. If you are unaware of your Princess, please see Melanie Hudson.

**Thank You** to those that served as an Officer last year and everything you did for FAB Women! Thanks to: Jenny Shook, Beth Arrowood and Pam Hall!

**New Officers are:**

- Madam President & Snip-it Girl: *Sandy "The Priss" Jackson*
- Vice President: *Cindy Crook*
- Christ Care Meal Planner & Prayer Requests: *Melanie Hudson*
- Christ Care Card Giver: *Betty Wilson*
- 1st Step Farm Girl: *Brenda Rhinehart*
- Party Girls: *Betty Wilson & Glenda Faye Shook*
- Reporter & \$ Chick: *Danya Sellers*

**First Step Farm for Women:** The girls are in need of bottled water. Also, please bring 15 valentine treats to put in Heart baskets for the girls by Feb. 9.

**FEBRUARY MEETING:** Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 PM at the Home of Glenda Faye Shook. Devotion by Snacks provided by Glenda Faye.



Like most of you, I have watched the TV and read internet reports of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The human suffering and loss is unparallel in the Western Hemisphere. I have read stories that bring me to the brink of tears of lone survivors that have lost entire families and I want to ask "why God"? Then I read the stories of people that are still being pulled out of the rubble after two weeks and I thank our merciful God.

The question is how can God be present in both situations? How can God be God in tragedy and in triumph? Honestly, I don't know if I can answer this question. However, I do know this: I trust God. And it is enough for me right now.

One of the great thinkers of the past one hundred years was C. S. Lewis. Lewis did not believe in God. Lewis tried to disprove the existence of God. His primary means of doing this was through the fact of all the suffering in the world. Lewis asked how there could be a good, loving, caring God when there was so much suffering? To Lewis' surprise, what he thought was an airtight argument to disprove God actually became proof to Lewis that a loving, caring God existed. In the midst of all the suffering that Lewis saw in the world, he also saw radical acts of mercy and kindness done in the name of God. He could not explain these acts without coming to the conclusion that there was a God who loved radically. This realization ultimately led Lewis to accept Christ as his Savior.

Once again we see suffering and wonder "why?" We also see radical acts of love and kindness and we can only conclude that there must be a God who cares. I know, many will say that people who don't believe in God have helped raise money and given their time in assistance of the people in Haiti. This is true. Musicians raised over 58 million in aid in a worldwide concert. Organization of all kinds and governments from around the globe have and are sending aid. I thank God that they are responding. The thing about the church is this, when all the headlines fade and the media coverage turns to the next newsworthy event, the church will still be there helping rebuild, feeding the hungry and giving care to the sick. That is the proof that there is a loving God.

Whether it is a tragedy on the scale of Haiti or a personal tragedy in your life, know that there is a loving God in whom you can trust. Love, Fred

**"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also abounds through Christ."** II Corinthians 1:3-5







**Thank you for your response to help the victims of the Haiti earthquake. \$1232 was collected. We provided UMCOR with 163 Health Kits & 13 Layette Kits.**

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- 2/7 Leslie Poe
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- 2/10 Tom Phelps
- 2/10 Jacob Scott
- 2/11 Savannah Cloud
- 2/11 Sandy Jackson
- 2/11 Brenda Rhinehart
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- 2/12 Whitney Tedder
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- 2/18 Phyllis Martin
- 2/18 Kati Phelps
- 2/19 Brenda Heeg
- 2/25 Ross Peebles
- 2/27 Jim Harkins
- 2/27 Cody Sanders
- 2/28 Conor Cloud
- 2/28 Paula Davis
- 2/29 Brenning Shook

*Happy Anniversary to...*  
16 Ronnie & Brenda Rhinehart  
18 Greg & Joan Bieksha