

Smyrna First Edition

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The Pastor's Ponderings



What if I told you that every major figure in the Bible actively practiced the discipline of fasting and prayer as a part of their life of faith? Furthermore, what if I shared with you that Jesus expected his disciples to add fasting to their prayers? And how about if I said to you that there are spiritual breakthroughs in your life that are *only* available when you add fasting to prayer? Indeed all of these have been verified over and over again

in the Holy Scripture and throughout the Judeo-Christian tradition. Indeed, it has only been in the last one hundred years that Christians have forsaken the discipline of fasting in their Christian witness. Not only throughout the history of the early church but well into the modern period Christians have considered it their spiritual responsibility to fast and pray. Only very recently has the church responded to the ancient discipline of prayer and fasting as a part of its faith and witness and with no small results. Indeed, where churches have responded to this call of Christ there has been a remarkable display of spiritual power and blessings poured out on the body of Christ.

From January 23-February 11, I and the staff of Smyrna

First United Methodist Church are calling our church into a period of prayer, fasting, and discernment. For twenty-one days we as a church will be called upon to dedicate ourselves unto the Lord in this way. Traditionally, a fast has been a doing without breakfast, snacks, and lunch throughout the day and instead spending that time in prayer, Bible Study, devotional reading, and listening to inspirational music. Then around 4:00 pm the fast is broken with a light snack to be followed by a sensible evening meal. Then the next morning starting the fast again. By doing this, we allow our spirits to enter into a greater dimension of communion with God and allow him to reveal a divine presence that is often missed when we are consumed and driven by meal times. Of course, the Bible

talks about many types of fasts! For those who cannot take their medications without food or for those who have never fasted in their lives the Daniel fast is an excellent type of exercise. The Daniel fast is strictly based on fruits and vegetables with no sweets, breads, or meats or poultry of any kind. Another kind of fast is one that is built upon juices and water throughout the day until supper time. This is usually the kind of fast that I engage in. There is also an absolute fast where nothing is taken at all until the evening meal and is generally reserved for those who have fasted a good deal in their lives and/or under the leadership of the Holy Spirit to do so.

**You might be wondering why now do we need to do
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Thank You!

Victoria and I would like to express our deepest appreciation to each and every one that has generously showered us with gifts, love, and encouragement during these Advent and Christmas Holy Days. The faith, love, and hope that you continually impart

to us is not only appreciated but contributes to our spiritual lives in ways that you could never imagine. We are honored to be in ministry with you here at this time and in this place and only hope that we can return to you in some way blessings for you and your

family, too.

We love you very much and hope that you have a very Spirit-filled Happy New Year!

Love and Peace,

Robert & Victoria

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MISSIONS



Everyone got involved in preparing the Thanksgiving Baskets.

A very special thank you to everyone for blessing families on Thanksgiving. We delivered 50 Thanksgiving Baskets to needy families in Smyrna. In addition, under the direction of the Motley Christians approximately 200 people enjoyed a meal either at Wherry Housing Community Center or at the Church. Thank you to the Motley Christians for coordinating this effort and to all who helped with this ministry.

We want to thank everyone for supporting our Angel Tree. All the angels were taken and gifts purchased.

Gifts were given to foster children and to seniors at the nursing homes and those that received Meals on Wheels. In addition, we were able to provide gift cards to 15 children that did not get on any angel tree. These were the forgotten angels. Once again, this congregation showed that they have Christian love for all people.

The clothes closet is in need of underwear for men, women and children. We also need children's books.

Save those toiletry items. If you travel over the holidays

or during January, please save your toiletry items that you receive at hotels. We are collecting them to make bags for Vanderbilt Trauma unit. Many families receive calls at all hours of the day or night and come to Vanderbilt with just what they have on their backs. We can provide these families with the toiletries items they need to get them by during a very stressful time. Look for boxes in Fellowship Hall that are marked "Vandy Trauma Unit". We will put the packages together during February.

YOUTH NEWS

WARMTH IN WINTER - The BIGGEST Event Ever!!!

January 27-29, 2012

Embassy Suites
Murfreesboro, TN

Speaker: Megan Hutchison
Band: UnNamed Servant
Illusionist: Bryan Drake

Cost:

I'm Coming Rate =
\$60 until Jan. 13 (turned in

to Matthew by Jan. 8th)

I Hope it's Not Too Late
Rate=\$65 until Jan. 25th
(turned in to Matthew by Jan 15th.)

Make checks payable to SFUMC with WnW 2012 in the Memo line. If you plan to pay in cash, please place the money in an envelope with your child's name on the front

of the envelope and what it is for. Thanks for your help.

Dates to Remember

EYM ADULT COUNCIL MTG.

Saturday, January 7
9:30-2:30
Youth Room

Human Trafficking

Special Speaker
Wednesday, Jan. 11
5:30 supper
7:00 Speaker

EYM Adult Leadership Training

January 22
11:30 am – 3:00 pm
Youth Room

U.M.W.

The Sunshine Circle will meet Sunday, January 8, 5:00 pm at the home of Cindy Roe, 404 Shadowood Dr., Smyrna. Group A will have refreshments. Nita Wright will be doing our pledge program.

There will be a UMW Executive Team meeting Monday, January 16, 6:30 pm, at the

home of Nita Wright, 203 Brookhaven Trail. Please bring a covered dish to share.

The Sunshine Circle will sponsor a chili supper Sunday, January 29, 5:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20 per family. A nursery will be provided.

Interested in picking or grinning? We will be doing that in the fellowship hall on January 29 following the chili supper. This will be an informal gathering of those who would like to play a little music. Please let Julie McDonald know if you are interested.

Cornerstone Circle will meet

Thursday, January 5, 6:30 pm at the church. Lost and Found Ministry needs for January are feminine hygiene products and toilet paper. The Love Offering for Bethlehem Center is to be collected every month.

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 am is Leadership Training for local officers at Murfreesboro First.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This coming year, **June 10-16, 2012**, we are pleased to announce that 15 youth and adults will be challenged to make a significant impact on the lives of the residents of Flatwoods, West Virginia.

The Appalachian region is considered one of the most impoverished regions of the United States. Flatwoods has nearly 6,000 households that continue to face the hardships which are typical of small rural areas. Hopelessness, lack of resources, and under-education are obstacles that plague many of the people. A significant number

of homes lack adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities.

Many of the work projects will center around families who struggle to provide basic amenities for their children or the growing elderly population, who usually live on a fixed income and have no money for home repairs. We will also have the opportunity to partner with small churches and reach out to the community by interacting with the residents and showing them love and a reason for hope.

Please keep all of us in your prayers and help support our upcoming fundraisers. If anyone would like to sponsor a youth or give donations towards the trip, please contact Melinda DuPree-Kewley at (615) 445-0087.

Thank you and God Bless.

*"Helping Youth Personally
Encounter Jesus Christ and
Develop Trust in Him."*

Weekly Youth Gatherings

Encounter Youth Group
Sunday 5-7 PM

Sunday Morning Bible Study
10:00-10:45 AM

W.O.W, (A.S.K.)
Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Jeff Lopp 1/1
Neal Goad 1/2
Charles Huggins 1/3
Debbie Jones 1/3
Courtney Ross 1/5
Yousef Abed 1/6
Linda Brendle 1/6
Jamie Cashion 1/9
Richard Oglesby 1/11
Gwen Coulson 1/13
Chloe Williams 1/13
Robert Webster 1/14
Aidan Johnson 1/15
Dub Raborn 1/17
Charles King 1/18
Jeana Smythia 1/18
Marie Born 1/20
Raegan Faught 1/21
Joe Elliott 1/22
Darlene Trent 1/24
Abbey Rogers 1/25
Norma Hawk 1/26
Robert Honey 1/26
Michael Murphy 1/26

Corliss Nelson 1/26
Shannon Hamm 1/29
Tom Wright 1/29
Patti Clark 1/30
Cole Faulkner 1/30
Stephanie Picklesimer 1/30
Catherine Burke 1/31

Happy Anniversary to:

Tim & Donna Sweeney 1/1
Ed & Cheryl Vaughan 1/6
Richard & Amanda Oglesby 1/11
David & Jenny Wills 1/16
Jonathan & Heather Kirby 1/22
Lawrence & Carol Smith 1/23
Corliss & Donna Nelson 1/26

Tom & Linda Brown
327 Andy Johns Drive
Smyrna, TN 37167
223-6881

Kathy Pitts
523 Ellie Lee
Smyrna, TN 37167
751-7003

Dave & Jennifer Knotts
Jacob, Lillian, Bailey
103 Lee Lane
Smyrna, TN 37167
788-8782

Welcome New Members

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

On January 19th the SPRC
will meet to complete the Pastor preferences.

Please contact any of the
members if you have any questions
or comments.



From the desk of...

The Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Human Trafficking is a crime against humanity. It involves an act of recruiting, transporting, transferring, harboring or receiving a person through a use of force, coercion, or other means, for the purpose of exploiting them. Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, in their own countries and abroad. Every country in the world is affected by trafficking, whether as a country of origin, transit or destination for victims. **On Wednesday, January 11,** we will have a special speaker to share about the ACT (what is done), the Means (How it is done), and the Purpose (Why it is done) of Human Trafficking. More than being an information/educational evening, Scripture challenges us to do justice, to show kindness and to walk humbly with our God. We will begin with a supper (\$5.00 per person) at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and following the supper will be the presentation on Human Trafficking at 7:00 pm. If you wish to be part of the supper, please call the

church office. This will certainly help in meal preparation.

58: THE FILM

WE HAVE EVERYTHING WE NEED...WILL WE DO EVERYTHING IT TAKES?

58: THE FILM is the inspiring true story of the global Church in action. Witness bravery and determined faith in a journey from the slums of Kenya to the streets of New York. Confront the brutality of extreme poverty and meet those who live out the True Fast of Isaiah 58 and create stunning new possibilities for the future. Travel from the sun-scorched plains of rural Ethiopia to British shopping centers. Travel from the sun-scorched plains of rural Ethiopia to British shopping centers, from Brazilian ganglands and the enslaving quarries of India to western churches, businesses and conferences. 58: invites audiences to discover the incredible work of God through His people in our hurting world. Meet ordinary people, hear their stories, and see their struggles and

their victories as 58: shows the relentlessly loving god at work through His church bringing hope to the darkest challenges of our day. Experience eye-opening reasons to lift our expectations of the future. **On Wednesday, January 18,** we will begin with a supper (\$5.00 per person) at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall and the movie will begin at 6:30 pm. If you wish to be part of the supper, please call the church office. This will certainly help in meal preparation.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK- DATE NIGHT CHALLENGE A Valentine's Event for Couples Saturday, February 11, 2012 in Fellowship Hall 6:00 PM

Focus on the Family is sponsoring a nationwide movement to encourage couples of ALL ages to build stronger marriages. Couples are pulled in many directions, but the fun, simple act of dating each other strengthens relationship long term. The Date Night Challenge is two hours

of fun and laughter for couples, featuring comedian Jeff Allen, singer/songwriter Michael O'Brien and best selling authors Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley via web cast. During the event, the Smalleys will explain the power of dating your mate and encourage couples to take the "Date Night Challenge": go on three dates in three weeks.

So, what are you waiting for? Mark the above date in your calendars and come and enjoy a world-class evening of fun, laughter and entertainment via web cast. Watch for more details regarding registration in our church's website, weekly bulletins and in the newsletter. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Felicia Kumar at 615-459-2826 or by email at: felicia.kumar@smyrnafirstumc.org.

Save the Date/Mark You Calendars for the **Lenten Day Apart** on Saturday, February 18, 2012, 9:00-Noon in Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details in the weekly bulletins.

Lay Leadership Training

Spirited ministry starts with the right tools and helping you learn to use them!

Spirited ministry starts with providing you with the right tools and helping you learn to use them. **On Saturday, January 21** from 10 am until 2 pm, we will have Lay Leadership Training in Fellowship Hall for all members who are serving on a lay leadership committee. During this training we will have a time of worship together and

a time to break into different committees/teams to discuss our roles and responsibilities and to plan our upcoming events and meeting times for the year 2012. We will be using the United Methodist Guidelines series to help us understand the vision of our church and how each ministry team is to help fulfill that vision. A light lunch will be

provided and childcare will be available.

Each team member is highly encouraged to attend this time of training and is asked to contact their committee chair by January 15th and let them know their plans to attend the meeting and if they will need childcare.

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this and what can we expect? 2012, I believe, will be a year of great spiritual opportunities. It will be a year in which God will desire to do great and wonderful things in our lives. But, as you are aware, great opportunities sometimes go unclaimed in our lives. As we fast and pray together at the beginning of this year we might be storing up great times of spiritual renewal and blessings for our lives. As I look out into the coming year I see a host of situations where I feel the presence of God is needed. We have a Presidential election coming in November in the United States, the General Conference of the United Methodist Church will be meeting in April and May, and a host of issues that will confront us at Smyrna First United Methodist Church that, I am sure you can agree with me, will need the presence of God in extraordinary ways. You, too, might be going through situations in 2012 where you already yearn for the presence of God in demonstrable ways. Maybe you need a healing miracle, possibly the salvation of a loved one, maybe a financial breakthrough, or a relationship restored. Or maybe, to be quite honest, you are sick and tired of just going on with a sort of drab experience of Christianity and you yearn for God in deeper and more profound ways. Let me ask you a question. Is

the absence of 42 meals worth it to you? What if that loved one gave their heart to Christ, what if that miracle came fully into your life, or what if your prayer life started to be ignited like spiritual dynamite? If all those happened, would you say to God: "You can have it all back, Lord, I miss those meals." Or would your faith be so exalted that you would not even think about those missed meals.

Well, how are we going to proceed? I realize that there are many in the church that probably have never fasted before and they might be thinking how in the world can they make it through one day let alone twenty-one days. I also know that we as a church family have probably never been through a time of prayer and fasting as a community of faith either and we are wondering how we are going to do this. **First, let me say to both parties, "Don't let the Devil tell you what you can't do!" Satan will steal your joy and victory but only if you let him. Instead make this commitment to the Lord and tell the demons of hell they have no right or freedom to steal from God or God's people.** I know we are a determined people here at Smyrna First UMC, and, if we will make this commitment to the Lord, He will honor it with His presence. **Second, we will begin this emphasis**

before we actually kick off the three week fast with a movie on Wednesday, January 18th after our fellowship meal that will encourage and inspire us. This will no doubt prepare our hearts and minds for what God wants to do in our lives and in our world. **Third, I will be teaching a 6-week course on fasting and its power in the Christian life during our WOW programs (What's On Wednesdays) from January 25-March 7 (we will not meet on Ash Wednesday).** This will allow us to learn more about the history and significance of fasting and its power in our lives. **Finally, a word about Sundays. During fellowship time there will only be coffee and juices served in between worship experiences. This will not be a time to come and eat breakfast at the church, but we will have drinks available. I will be leading Sunday worship times (Jan. 22, 29, and Feb 5) with a sermon series on prayer and fasting, too.**

As we proceed in this time of prayer, fasting and discernment in our church may we approach it with an open mind and open heart and allow God to work out His perfect plan in our lives, church, and nation. God will do miraculous things as we obey His message.



JOIN US AS WE READ THROUGH THE BIBLE THIS YEAR

[January - Daily Bible Reading Plan](#)

1. [Psalm 1-2](#)
2. [Genesis 1-3](#)
3. [Joshua 1-5](#)
4. [Job 1-2](#)
5. [Isaiah 1-5](#)
6. [Matthew 1-2](#)
7. [Romans 1-2](#)
8. [Psalm 3-5](#)
9. [Genesis 4-7](#)
10. [Joshua 6-10](#)
11. [Job 3-4](#)
12. [Isaiah 6-10](#)
13. [Matthew 3-4](#)
14. [Romans 3-4](#)
15. [Psalm 6-8](#)
16. [Genesis 8-11](#)
17. [Joshua 11-15](#)
18. [Job 5-6](#)
19. [Isaiah 11-15](#)
20. [Matthew 5-6](#)
21. [Romans 5-6](#)
22. [Psalm 9-11](#)
23. [Genesis 12-15](#)
24. [Joshua 16-20](#)
25. [Job 7-8](#)
26. [Isaiah 16-20](#)
27. [Matthew 7-8](#)
28. [Romans 7-8](#)
29. [Psalm 12-14](#)
30. [Genesis 16-19](#)
31. [Joshua 21-24](#)



WHAT'S ON WEDNESDAYS (W.O.W.)

On Wednesday, January 25th, we will resume our regular mid-week programs for the winter and spring of 2012. There are classes for children, youth and adults offered from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Check out the detailed information in this article about each adult class offered and make sure to mark your preference in the sign-up slip. Make an intentional effort to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join you for a time of spiritual nurture and enrichment.

Child care is provided for children under the age of three.

If you have suggestions for a particular study or if you wish to lead a group, please talk to our Minister of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, Felicia Kumar. She can be reached by phone at 615/459-2826 or felicia.kumar@smyrnafirstumc.org.

FASTING & PRAYER

What if I told you all the spiritual giants in the Bible were committed to the discipline of fasting? What if I further told you that Jesus expected his disciples to be avid fasters throughout their lives? Or what if I indicated to you that there are spiritual breakthroughs in your life that will only come through prayer and fasting? This short course will look at what the Bible and the Judeo-Christian tradition has taught about the discipline of fasting. We will be studying Jentezen Franklin's book entitled *FASTING* and discover how God can change our lives, churches, cities, and nation. There is literally nothing that can go untouched by a life that is committed to prayer and fasting! Let 2012 be the year you discover the power of God through a life of prayer and fasting. This class is open to both youth and adults and will last 6 weeks. By the end of the course you will know the Biblical stories of fasting, what a fasting lifestyle will

look like, and what God will do in and through your prayer life when you combine it with fasting.

FEARLESS by Max Lucado

Fear is an unpleasant feeling of anxiety or apprehension caused by the presence or anticipation of danger. Fear is part of human nature. If you are struggling with any kind of fear in your life, make a commitment to be a part of this small group. The DVD based study will help us find a spiritual solution to the growing minefield of fear. What if faith, not fear, was our default reaction to threats? In the six DVD sessions:

- "Why are you afraid?"
 - "Fear of not mattering"
 - "Fear of Disappointing God"
 - "Fear of death"
 - "Fear of global calamity"
 - Fear of God getting out of your box"
- some of our biggest fears will be addressed and we

will be guided to a solution that may be easier than we think!

Come and check it out! Bring a friend, neighbor or co-worker who struggles with fear

THE GREATEST OF THESE Women's Bible Study

We will be studying "The Greatest of These" by John Indermark. What do we mean by love/ Culture offers a multitude of definitions, but how do we as Christians define love? This daily resource helps you delve deeply and intentionally into what the Biblical witness has to say about love - and what that implies for how we practice love. Morning Glories will meet Friday mornings at 10 am and Late Bloomers will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. Please contact Nita Wright to reserve a book.

SIGN-UP FOR W.O.W CLASSES

NAME: _____ Contact Number: _____

Email Address: _____

I/We will be attending the following class(es):

FEARLESS PRAYER & FASTING THE GREATEST OF THESE

My/Our children will be attending the age appropriate programs:

Child: _____ Age: _____ Child: _____ Age: _____ Child: _____ Age: _____

**Please drop in offering plate or return to the church office.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS FOR JANUARY

January 8, 2012	
8:00 am	Belinda Fanning & Gwen Graves
11:00 am	Pam & Mike Ashworth
January 15, 2012	
8:00 am	Dorris Waldron & Nancy Barnett
11:00 am	Kaye Thames & Barbara Pierce
January 22, 2012	
8:00 am	Cathy & Craig Smith
11:00 am	Donna Sweeney & Ruthie Vaughan
January 29, 2012	
8:00 am	Donna Nelson & Georgette Norman
11:00 am	Jonathan & Heather Kirby

EMMAUS REUNION

Emmaus Reunion Group will meet Saturday, January 21, at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall. Anyone who has an interest in attending the Walk to Emmaus is invited. Please join us.



Psalm 37:5, NRSV



MOUNTAIN T.O.P.

Save the Dates for 2012	Baker Work Weekend May 10-13
The Gathering: January 7th Camp Cumberland Pines 5 pm	Youth Summer Ministry weeks June-July
Friends Weekend February 29-March 4 Help us work on Friends, renovate a boys cabin, work on the dining hall	Adults in Ministry June-July
Spring Breakout: February-May Several college and youth groups are headed our way.	AIM Week 1 June 10-16th
Family Weekend April 20-22 Next year's family vacation could be a mission trip!	AIM Week 2 June 24-30th
	AIM Week 3 July 8-14th
	AIM Weekend July 19-22

The **Lunch Bunch** will go to Goodness Gracious in Murfreesboro in January! Make plans to join us on Wednesday, January 18. Please meet at the church at 11:15 if you plan to carpool. We look forward to seeing you!



The **"ROMEOs" men's** group meets for lunch every Friday at 11:30 am: January 6th I-Hop; January 13th Chili's; January 20th Mi Tierra; January 27th Town Center.

Join us for a great time!!

FINANCES

Financial Status as of November 2011

As of November 30, the following funds were reported:

Cash: \$41,560 in the checking account (up \$10,573 since Jan 1).

Savings: \$11,517 (down \$9,957); we borrowed \$10,000 from savings in September; we plan to take the additional funds now in checking to pay back savings.

Income

Total income through October was \$543,137. Year to date income is down 5.6% or \$32,139 compared to 2010. Preschool income is down \$1,847 for the year. Income has averaged \$10,283 per week.

Expenses

Expenses through October were \$553,295. Year to date expenses are down 2.6% compared to 2010. Including Preschool, expenses have averaged \$11,527 per week.

Month	2010		2011		% Change	% Change
	Income 2010	Expenses 2010	Income 2011	Expenses 2011	Income	Expense
Jan	\$ 45,896	\$ 43,268	\$ 61,134	\$ 63,096	33.2%	45.8%
Feb	\$ 61,686	\$ 65,183	\$ 47,774	\$ 51,183	-22.6%	-21.5%
Mar	\$ 51,916	\$ 54,212	\$ 49,545	\$ 53,077	-4.6%	-2.1%
Apr	\$ 51,924	\$ 40,427	\$ 48,630	\$ 49,623	-6.3%	22.7%
May	\$ 59,582	\$ 57,413	\$ 57,726	\$ 49,203	-3.1%	-14.3%
Jun	\$ 47,096	\$ 52,740	\$ 37,161	\$ 45,012	-21.1%	-14.7%
Jul	\$ 44,110	\$ 37,800	\$ 48,940	\$ 43,304	10.9%	14.6%
Aug	\$ 58,067	\$ 55,198	\$ 43,262	\$ 56,181	-25.5%	1.8%
Sep	\$ 53,370	\$ 53,973	\$ 50,396	\$ 54,335	-5.6%	0.7%
Oct	\$ 54,701	\$ 54,749	\$ 55,763	\$ 44,052	1.9%	-19.5%
Nov	\$ 46,928	\$ 53,074	\$ 42,806	\$ 44,229	-8.8%	-16.7%
Dec	\$ 52,251	\$ 55,322				
TOTAL (Nov)	\$ 575,276	\$ 568,037	\$ 543,137	\$ 553,295	-5.6%	-2.6%
Difference			\$ (32,139)	\$ (14,742)		

Apportionments

To date we have paid \$104,115 in Apportionments. \$11,275 was paid in Jan to catch up 2010 and \$92,840 has been paid towards 2011. To date the Church is \$35,992 behind in 2011 Apportionments.

2011 Budget

The Church needs \$49,057 per month or \$11,321 per week to meet 2011 expenses. In 2011, income has averaged only \$10,283 per week. If trend continues we will fall \$50,000 under budget by end of the year.

Please e-mail me if you have any questions: lynnray@lynnray.net.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

8:00 AM Contemporary Worship
 9:30 AM Fellowship Time
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Traditional Worship
 5:00 PM Encounter Youth Group

TUESDAY SCHEDULE:

6:00 PM Sisters In Mission

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE:

5:30 PM Meal
 6:30 PM WOW Classes
 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY SCHEDULE:

6:30 PM Intercessory Prayer
 7:00 PM Praise Band

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
 11:30 AM ROMEO's

JANUARY, 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 10:00 AM Worship Service	2 Church Office Closed	3	4 wow Dismissed	5 6:30 Cornerstone Cr. Fellowship Hall	6 11:30 am ROMEOs to I-Hop	7 EYM Adult Council Meeting 9:30-2:30 Youth room
8 12:00 Trustees 5 pm Sunshine Cr. Meeting at C. Roe's	9	10 7 pm Worship Team Meeting at Wright's	11 Human Trafficking 5:30 Meal 7:00 Speaker	12	13 11:30 am ROMEOs to Chili's	14
15 Children's Mission Offering 12:00 Mission Team Meeting	16 6:30 pm UMW Executive Team Mtg. at Wright's	17	18 58: The Film 5:30 Meal 6:30 Movie 11:15 Lunch Bunch to Good- ness Gracious	19	20 11:30 am ROMEOs to Mi Tierra	21 10am-2pm Lay Leadership Conference Fellowship Hall 6:30 Emmaus Reunion FH
22 11:30-3:00 EYM Adult Leadership Training	23 Fasting Emphasis Begins	24 6:00 pm Finance Team	25 w.o.w. Begins 5:30 Meal 6:30 Classes	26	27 11:30 am ROMEOs to Town Ctr. ← Warmth in Winter →	28 9:30 am UMW Leadership Training at M'boro First
29 2 PM Church Council 5:30 Chili Supper 6:30 Pickin' & Grinnin' →	30	31				

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



2012 Newsletter

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM

Contemporary
Worship

10:00 AM

Sunday School

11:00 AM

Traditional
Worship Service

Church Staff

Senior Pastor.....Rev. Dr. Robert Webster, Clergy Elder
Minister of Christian Education & Spiritual Formation.... Rev. Felicia Kumar, Clergy Elder
Youth Director.....Matthew Johnson
Interim Director of Music.....Julie McDonald
Office Manager.....Sandra Phelps
Organist.....Bobby Medlen
Pianist.....Gus Blackburn
Financial Secretary.....Kelly Ginn
Directors of Preschool.....Frankie Cashion and Sheila Upham
Nursery Coordinator.....Ginger Davis
Custodian.....Beverly Vaughan

Contact us for more information

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Vision Statement

Smyrna First United Methodist Church is centered upon the life of Christ, accepting and loving all persons and living out the life of Christ in the community/world.

*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

We are on the web...
www.smyrnafirstumc.org