

Cedar Grove Chatter

Winchester, Virginia

Cedar Grove Charge of the United Methodist Church

"Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors"



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*A new commandment I give unto you,
That ye love one another; as I have loved
you, that ye also love one another.*

John 13:34.



Little Mountain UMC

259 Little Mountain Road

Winchester, VA 22603

(540) 667-6786

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship: 8:45 am

Pleasant Valley UMC

1619 Cedar Grove Road

Winchester, VA 22603

(540) 662-3493

Sunday School: 8:45 am

Worship: 10:00 am

Mount Pleasant UMC

3654 Dominion Road

Gerrardstown, WV 25420

(304) 229-1300

Sunday School: 10:00 am

Worship: 11:15 am

March 2008 Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, February 17, 2008

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CONJECTURES OF A GUILTY BYSTANDER

“What are you giving up for Lent this year?” Yes folks, it’s that time again. Ash Wednesday is this week and of course that marks the beginning of Lent. For many of us, this one question marks just about all we know about Lent. “What are you giving up for Lent this year?”



If that’s all there was to Lent it would be a pretty dreary time. Every breath and every action would be a struggle to keep some vow that has no real spiritual value. But let’s look a little deeper at the question. What if you are giving up something that stands between you and a rich and full relationship with your God. You see, this is the idea of giving things up for Lent. We begin a period of self-examination and identify something that impacts your relationship with God. Then we make a conscious choice to remove the obstacle.

I’m not sure chocolate or Coca-Colas are going to impact my walk with Jesus. But my weight might affect what I can do. TV may not send me to hell, but it might distract me from what should be my true love-God- or even my temporal love (my spouse). By taking the 40 days of self-examination (lent) seriously we may find ourselves closer to our creator.

As we look forward, we have some great opportunities to grow closer to God. The Alpha Course begins this month. Holy Week comes soon after, with our Maundy Thursday Service at Pleasant Valley, the Good Friday service at Mount Pleasant and the Sunrise Service at Little Mountain. Don’t miss the chances you have to grow closer to Jesus.

Grace and Peace

Jim

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New Sermon Series Confronting the Controversies

How does our faith address the controversial issues we deal with in personal and public ways? Join us for four weeks as we try to wrestle with applying the scripture to four of the toughest issues we face in America.

February 3 - Suicide

February 10 - Homosexuality

February 17 - War and Peace

February 24 - The Death Penalty

February 2008 Calendar of Events

- **Monday, February 4** - Bible Study at Pleasant Valley UMC, 9:30 am.
- **Monday, February 4** - Administrative Board Meeting at Pleasant Valley UMC, 7:00 pm.
- **Tuesday, February 5** - United Methodist Women - Mount Pleasant.
- **Wednesday, February 6** - Council on Ministries and Administrative Board Meeting, 7:00 pm at Little Mountain.
- **Thursday, February 7** - PPR Committee - @ Parsonage.
- **Saturday, February 9** - Valentine Party and Dinner at Pleasant Valley, 6:00 pm. Covered dish meal.
- **Monday, February 11** - Bible Study at Pleasant Valley UMC, 9:30 am.
- **Tuesday, February 12** - PV United Methodist Women - Betty Smith's home, 6:30 pm.
- **Saturday, February 16** - Alpha Kickoff Banquet - Mount Pleasant 6pm.
- **Sunday, February 17** - Alpha Celebration Dinner - @Little Mountain-6pm.
- **Monday, February 18** - Bible Study at Pleasant Valley UMC, 9:30 am.
- **Tuesday, February 19** - Little Mountain UMW/UMM - 7pm.
- **Saturday, February 23** - Alpha Begins @ Mount Pleasant - 6pm.
- **Sunday, February 24** - Alpha Begins @ Pleasant Valley - 5:30pm.
- **Monday, February 25** - Bible Study at Pleasant Valley UMC, 9:30 am.
- **Sunday, March 2** - One Great Hour of Sharing for all churches, and Ash2Ash plays at Mount Pleasant.



**Annual United
Methodist
Women Prayer
Breakfast**

Saturday, March 1, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Lee Jackson Banquet Room
Winchester, Virginia

Guest Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Braaten
President of Ferrum College

Theme: Publish Glad Tidings

Tickets are \$10 each.

Reservation Deadline: February 26

Contact Susanna Lockley at 540-974-1623
for more information.

**Winchester District Board of Missions
Annual Dinner Meeting**

Sunday, February 24, 2008 ~ 5 – 8 p.m.

Kernstown UMC~ 3239 Valley Pike ~ Winchester, Virginia



Special Guest Speaker: Jennifer Moore
Director of Church Relations
Society of Saint Andrew

Cost of Meal: \$9.00 per person

Deadline February 14

No refunds after deadline. No registrations at the door.

**Mail registration below with a check to: Winchester District
UMC Office ~ 21 South Kent St. Winchester, Va. 22601
(Please note: Missions Dinner in memo line on check.)**

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Church: _____ Number attending: _____



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!!**

**WINCHESTER DISTRICT
LAY SPEAKER TRAINING**

Saturday, March 8, 2008
8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Duncan Memorial UMC
Berryville, VA

NOTE:

Jim will be at a continuing education event February 27-
March 2.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN NEWS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 18 - Jimmy and Susie Newlin



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 3 - Steven E. Fishel, Sr.

Feb. 4 - Rogers Lauder milk

Feb. 8 - Ruth Ann Fishel

Feb. 8 - Erin Trenary

Feb. 8 - Jessie Trenary

Feb. 9 - Leona Kirk

Feb. 15 - Brenda Newcome

Feb. 16 - Jerry Moreland, Jr.

Feb. 21 - Jacob Reed

Feb. 22 - Steven Fishel, Jr.

Feb. 27 - Bridget DeStefano



What is One Great Hour of Sharing?

"The One Great Hour of Sharing offering on March 2, 2008, provides for those basic needs that make the rest of UMCOR's work possible," says the Rev. Sam W. Dixon, Deputy General Secretary of UMCOR. "Without this offering so much of what UMCOR does to bring hope and healing to the world could not happen."

The United Methodist Committee on Relief is funded entirely by your gifts. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering pays UMCOR's overhead for the year and allows UMCOR to devote 100% percent of your special gifts to the cause you designate.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Our mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering — whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.

<http://gbgm-umc.org/umcor/>

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWS

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 14 - Alson & Margarette Smith

Feb. 14 - Willie & Joyce Umbenour



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 1 - Larry Dick

Feb. 3 - Ashley Bowman

Feb. 7 - Joyce Umbenour

Feb. 10 - Andrea Anderson

Feb. 10 - Richard Oates

Feb. 12 - Lois McKee

Feb. 12 - Alice Oates

Feb. 16 - Rodney Link

Feb. 16 - Barbara Hoover

Feb. 17 - Mabel Anderson

Feb. 23 - Amber Phillips



Sunday School Perfect Attendance December

- Jerry Bennett
- Jane Dick
- Greta Fries
- Alice Oates
- Blanche Palmer
- Betty Smith
- Margarette Smith

Remember in Prayer

Please remember the following people in prayer: Al and Margarette Smith, Charles R. Atkinson, Lois McKee, Eitha Brown, Jane Larrick, Irene Allamong and anyone else who may need our prayers.

Pleasant Valley United Methodist Women News



The Pleasant Valley UMW met on January 8, 2008 at the home of Betty Smith at 6:30 pm.

We had 8 attending. Betty opened with prayer and we recited the Purpose. Janie Dick led our program "What is Globalization to Me?" Our Mission Boxes for October, November and December raised \$37.00, we added \$63.00 to make a total of \$100.00 to go to Habitat for Humanity. Greta Fries had our devotions. We closed with our Prayer Circle.

- DATES TO REMEMBER:**
- Feb. 9, Valentine Dinner, PV, 6:00 pm
 - Feb. 12, UMW Mt., Betty Smith home, 6:30 pm
 - Feb. 17, Cluster Meeting, Leesburg, Va., 2-5 pm.

PLEASANT VALLEY NEWS

Horse Trainer

Mary Kathryn Newbraugh, daughter of Lynn and Donna Newbraugh, loves horses and she is extremely skilled in training them.

She is now in Ohio for four weeks training horses. Fortunately her grandmother lives nearby so she can stay with her.

When she gets back home she has another job with horses waiting for her.



Rebuilding After Katrina

Our hats off to Jeff Davis who recently returned from leading a team of 17 volunteers to Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Members spent a week repairing homes damaged by hurricane Katrina. The Lutheran Church in the area sheltered and fed the group at a compound built by the church, which also shelters another 185 volunteers. The group was well diversified, including many Moravians, even some from Pennsylvania and Wisconsin and other Lutherans and Methodists from across the United States.

Much more rebuilding needs to be done in the area. Hurricane Katrina destroyed about 64,000 homes in Mississippi and damaged another 78,000.

