

The Cross and Flame

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The power of Pentecost

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.

JUNE , 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Each Sunday</i></p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p><i>Each Monday</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p><i>Each Wednesday</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Hand bells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	1	2	3	4 <i>UMM Annual Golf Tournament</i>
5	6 6:00 p.m. Small Group 9	7 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts	8 10:00 a.m. Sue Rollins Circle	9 7:00 p.m. Gertrude Alspaugh Circle	10	11
12 6:00 p.m. Teen Circle	13	14 7:00 p.m. Children's Council 7:00 p.m. PPR Committee	15 5:00 p.m. Open Hearts Fellowship Meal	16 7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee	17 <i>UMW to Lake Junaluska</i>	18
19	20 7:00 p.m. Witness Committee	21 10:00 a.m. Small Group 6A & 6B	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 4 John Frick
Henry Mitchell
Jerry Roberts
Erin Smith
June 5 Kelly Hale
June 6 Phillip Flowers
Colene Sapp
June 8 Gene McGinnis
June 9 Ruby Reece
June 10 Jane White
June 11 Joe Hughes
Sam Joyner
June 15 Edith Farmer
June 17 Hilda Smith
June 19 Katie Flowers
Tom James
Roma Lee Woosley
June 22 Diane DePietropaolo
Sally Mason
Joy Tolbert
June 23 Jennifer Harrington
Linda Houle
Rick Montgomery
June 25 Nicholas Hall
Joseph Read
Paul Schneeloch
June 26 Margaret Holcomb
June 27 Taylor Niblock
Von Ward
June 28 Mike Fuller
R. L. Spach
June 29 Katie Fuller
June 30 Brandon Burnette
Todd Day
Charlotte Fonda
Whitley Hogue
Lindsay Joyner

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

June 11 Stan and Sue Morgan
June 13 Randy and Kaye Greenwood
June 14 Kris and Whitney Ladd
June 15 Joe and Lu Ann Boles
June 16 Ron and Jean Bodsford
June 17 Claude and Brenda Smith
June 24 John and Jennifer Frick
June 28 Chris and Mary Council

OUR VOLUNTEERS**PROVIDE BREAD FOR VISITORS**

June 5 Mary Council
June 12 Melanie Niblock
June 19 Lisa Hale
June 26 Evelyn Groce

USHER SCHEDULE

June 5 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
Steve Tucker
June 12 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner
June 19 Roy Spach, Head Usher
Chris Council
Dee Fair
Brent Shutt
Steve Tucker
June 26 Tom Mahannah, Head Usher
Scott Pugh
Eddie Scott
John Fonda
Calvin Tanner

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

June 5 Lori Genevie
June 12 Susette Westmoreland
June 19 Sally Scott
June 26 Denise Henry

**VOLUNTEERS (Continued)
SANCTUARY ASSIGNMENT**

June Connie Helms & Caroline & Meghan

GREETERS

June Friendship Class

SECURITY CHECKERS

June Asbury Class

CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

June Soap and Shampoo



Youth Happening

Youth Schedule

MISSION OPPORTUNITY: All youth are urged to assist with Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. If you can help please sign up with the Children's Council.

WELCOMING THE 6TH GRADE CLASS— There will be a pool party at the Houle's on July 23rd from 4:30 until—and families are invited. This is for all youth from 6th grade through 12th grade. We will ask for RSVP's at a later date.

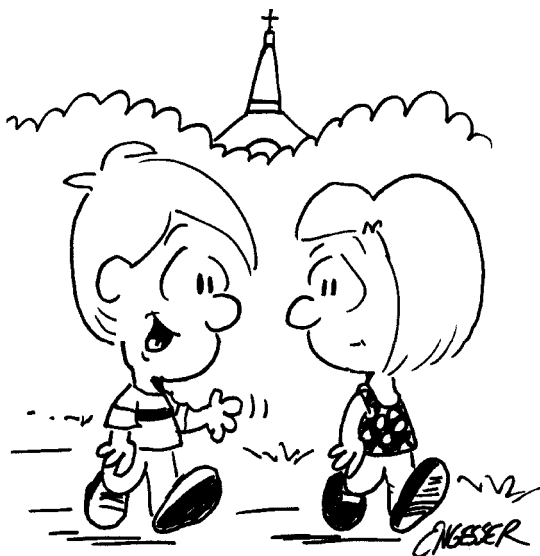


MEN'S GROUP

UMM BREAKFAST

The United Methodist Men will hold a Breakfast Meeting on June 12th at 8:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The menu will be bacon, eggs, grits, biscuits, coffee and juice. All men of the church and guests are welcome. Donations will be accepted to help with the United Methodist Men's Programs.

UMM ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

We have a great softball team and we need to go cheer for them each week. It would really mean a lot to the men playing to hear us in the stands.

June 6 7:30pm St. John's vs Pine Grove
June 13 8:30pm Christ Temple vs Pine Grove





- June 8 10:00 a.m. The Sue Rollins Circle will meet.
- June 9 7:00 p.m. The Gertrude Alspaugh Circle will meet in the parlor. Lynn Grams will be our speaker. She will be speaking on Domestic Violence. She will be representing "Next Step Ministries". The mission of Next Step Ministries is to provide a temporary safe place for victims of domestic violence and to help them acquire the tools they need to be a survivor. Through education, advocacy, and working closely with community leaders and agencies to raise awareness and funding for domestic violence issues, we strive to be a voice in the community to help stop the cycle of violence.
- June 17-18 Spiritual Growth Retreat at Lake Junaluska
Did you know the theme for the Retreat is "Peace, Popcorn, and Pansies" ? All of us want peace in our hearts and in our world. However, most of the time we are more like popcorn, just popping in all directions. Many of us have been enjoying the little pansies this spring. We must remember, They have just come through the toughest season of the year and yet they continue to thrive. They look at us and always smile.
- June 20 Online/Discount Registration for Annual meeting.
Annual meeting is September 9, 10, 10 at Lake Junaluska
- July 14-17 School of Christian Mission – Pfeiffer University
The deadline to register for School of Christian Mission is June 15.
- August 9 5:30 p.m. District Annual Meeting – Maple Springs UMC

DID YOU KNOW *Ubuntu* is the being of mission and is focused on relationship, shared experience and mutuality. *Ubuntu* Day of Service is a combination of the being and doing of mission. *Ubuntu* is a day that will connect us to the community. A person with *Ubuntu* is welcoming, hospitable, warm and generous, willing to share

IT IS COMING ON OCTOBER 1, 2011

PURPOSE OF THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.



Greetings from your Weekday School!

♪ “Summertime...and the livin’ is easy...” ♪ The official beginning of summer comes later on this month but, for us here at the Weekday School, it begins with the ending of the school year. Our last day of school for 2010/2011 was Friday, May 27th. Lori and I are already hard at work in the office preparing for our upcoming “Summer Fun” classes and the beginning of the 2011/2012 school year. It will be here before we know it!

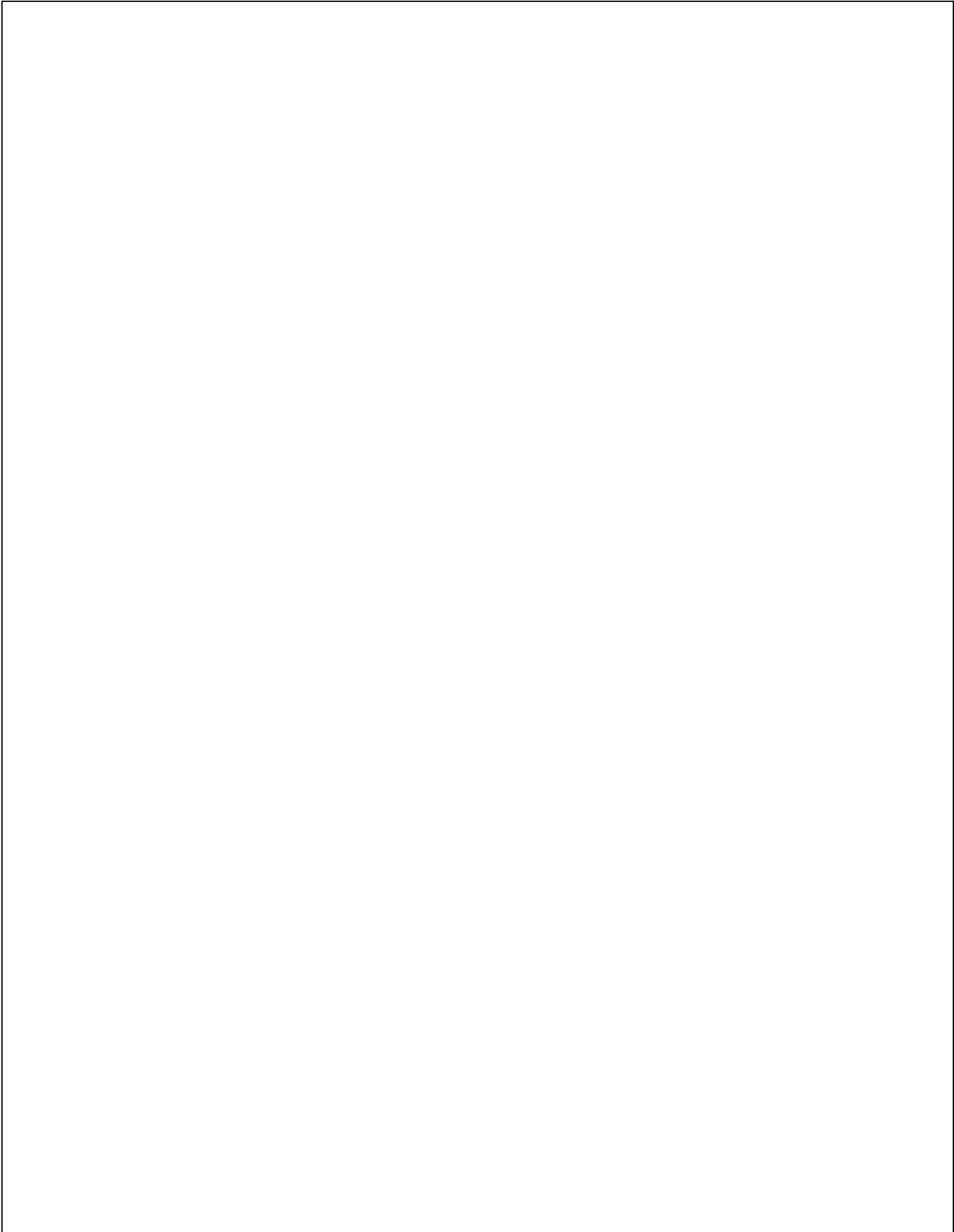
The month of May was filled with lots of excitement as we prepared for all the fun activities that took place. The boys and girls visited “Katie’s Chapel for the last time this year on the 4th. Many thanks to Carol Evans for sharing her time and wonderful stories with them! “Miss” Katie has done a wonderful job this year of coordinating readers and selecting books for us to enjoy. Thank you, Katie, for helping to make “Katie’s Chapel” such a wonderful experience for the children. We look forward to our visits next year! “Family Fun Day” on the 13th was a blast! Unfortunately, Mother Nature didn’t cooperate this year with the weather so the Fellowship Hall came in very handy!☺ The boys and girls (accompanied by their parents) had a great time bouncing on the huge inflatable Castle Bouncer and Slide, creating beautiful Spin Art, winning prizes at the games, and enjoying delicious snow cones. We also enjoyed a fantastic “carry-in” lunch that was provided by our parents and staff. Sunday, May 22nd was another treat as the children presented our annual Spring Program for their families and the PGUMC congregation. The boys and girls were precious as they shared some of the inspirational songs they had learned in Musicare this year. It was our way of thanking the congregation for sharing your wonderful facility with us throughout the year. Our final week of school was filled with lots of fun activities. The 4s and Rs traveled to “All-A-Flutter” Butterfly Farm in High Point on the 25th. They had a great time learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, visiting the Flight House and enjoying the special “picnic” snack the teachers had prepared for them. Our “End-of-Year/Graduation Celebration” was held on the 26th. The children and their families enjoyed a fantastic “pot luck” meal followed by the “graduation” of our 4s & Rs to BIG SCHOOL. We also enjoyed a wonderful DVD presentation of some of the special moments we shared with the children this year. It’s always so much fun to look back at how much the boys and girls have grown and changed over the year. The last day of school was filled with year-end classroom parties with gifts and special treats for everyone. What a wonderful week we had to round out our wonderful year!

“Summer Fun” classes will begin on June 7th and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays periodically throughout the summer. We have lots of wonderful activities planned for the children so, if you know anyone who might be interested, be sure to send them our way. We still have space available in most of the weeks. “Summer Fun” is open to children ages 6 months – 1st grade.

Don’t forget to keep saving those General Mills “Box Tops for Education” labels for us this summer! They are worth 10¢ each and quickly add up to \$\$\$\$. Remember...your “trash” is our “treasure”!☺ (Many thanks to Kathleen Sprinkle who has brought in a steady supply of labels throughout the year. We really appreciate you thinking of us, Kathleen!)

Our first day of school for the 2010/2011 school year is Tuesday, September 6th. Be sure to keep our important ministry in your prayers this summer. See you in the Fall, y’all!☺

Chris



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

The following relates to recent activities of PGUMC small group ministry. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, notify the church office, 765-2569, or a group's facilitator.

SMALL GROUPS 1 & 2— Scott and Robin Pugh, Brent and Noelle Shutt, Kris and Gina Abshire, Dan and Lori Genevie are the facilitators. This group is working to connect young adults to God, church, community and each other. They have planned interesting and fun activities.

SMALL GROUP 3—Mike and Jo Ann Caligiuri, Jim and Carrow Mabry are the facilitators. This group met on April 30th at the home of Jim and Carrow Mabry for a cookout. This group furnishes toys for children having MRI studies.

SMALL GROUP 4—Karen Asbury, Jay and Polly Caudle, Mike and Michele Roberts, Stan and Sue Morgan are the facilitators. This group purchases food from Angel Network to give to someone in the congregation.

SMALL GROUP 5—Rhonda Duhon, Mary Manning, John and Marilyn Mercer are the facilitators. This group has served the Prodigal House to attend a worship service and later, to provide a meal for residents.

SMALL 6A AND 6B named the Sunrise Fellowship and they meet during the day. Betty Bell, Jim and Kathy Neace, Don and Kate Ashe, Margaret McLeod, Linda Kite are the facilitators. This group provided snacks for Children's church, supplied small items needed by families of Hospice patients, are sending birthday cards to members of the church. Next meeting will be on June 21st in the parlor. Remember to bring items for our baskets.

SMALL GROUP 7—Dee Anne Fortescue, Howard and Denise Henry, Terri Newell are the facilitators. This group joined with Group 8 to take a meal for Open Arms. We have decided to adopt our Cub Scout Troop at church. Our first activity will be serving refreshments for their meeting on April 18th.

SMALL GROUP 8—John Fonda, Jean Darden, Eddie and Sally Scott are the facilitators. This group donated supplies needed by people served by Open Arms, served a meal to Open Arms.

SMALL GROUP 9 named Crusading Samaritans. Chris and Mary Council, Homer and Kim Craig, Peggy Williams are the facilitators. This Small Group is sponsoring meals for Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir, church members, and community. The meals are served every 3rd Wednesday. They are supporting sick group members with food and visits, filled stockings for Salvation Army at Christmas. Small Group 9 and Small Group 12 also share projects. This group is meeting on June 6 at the home of Peggy Williams

SMALL GROUP 10—Mike and Cindy Zimmerman, Dee and Vickie Fair, Rickie and Beckie Shutt are the facilitators. This group provided a hotdog meal for Pumpkin Patch people who worked so hard to unload and place pumpkins.

SMALL GROUP 12—Calvin and Vivian Tanner, E. L. and Martha Thomas are facilitators. This Small Group has joined with Small Group 9 on several of the projects like helping with the Open Hearts Meal every third Wednesday. They also filled stockings for the Salvation Army. This Small Group visits and provides meals for families who are sick and/or have members in the hospital.

SMALL GROUPS 7 AND 8 continued their support of the Open Arms Community by serving dinner to their Wednesday night Bible Study Group. The study is led by the minister of Marvin United Methodist Church and is for adults, but many children and babies were with their families.

SMALL GROUP INFORMATION

The facilitators for the small groups completed surveys related to their groups and met together on May 15. The activities were many and varied, but all met the group objectives of connecting to God, connecting to fellow group members, connecting to the church and connecting to the community. The fellowship within the groups is special and has broadened old friendships and created new ones. Emphasis was placed on each group visiting and supporting our nursing home and shut-in members all of whom are assigned to groups. Efforts to contact inactive members and to include visitors and new members when they join the church was stressed.

If there are members who have not attended a group, those who have would urge you to do so. If anyone would prefer another group for any reason, just contact a facilitator or the church to find the date of that group's next meeting. Everyone is needed.

"GO THE DISTANCE"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children, ages 3 through 12 are welcome.

July 10th through the 14th

Vacation Bible School will be from July 10th through July 14th from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. We are planning to have an exceptional Vacation Bible School this year and we need your help. Even if you have not worked with children there are still many ways in which you can help with Vacation Bible School. For additional information regarding Vacation Bible School or how you may help, please contact Beckie Shutt.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Sunrise Fellowship (small groups 6A and 6B) will be sponsoring a blood drive on July 30 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We encourage people to come help with the drive and we especially all who are able to donate the gift of life at our local blood drive.

EXERCISE CLASSES

The exercise classes which were being held on Thursdays in the fellowship hall have been cancelled. The program can be brought back in the fall if we have enough people (at least 8) to maintain a class.

OPEN HEARTS COMMUNITY MEAL

The Open Hearts Community Meal sponsored by Small Group 9 will be on June 15 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu will be Baked Potatoes, salad, dessert and drinks. Everyone is invited to come eat and you are encouraged to bring friends and family. There is no charge for the meal. Donations will be accepted.

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MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Our Conference Disaster Relief Committee is coordinating a mission project for the tornado victims in the North Carolina conference. The Winston-Salem District, along with the Greensboro and High Point Districts have been asked to collect the following items: **Tarps, baby supplies (diapers, wipes, formula, and new toys for babies).**

These items are to be at the collection point, Clemmons United Methodist Church, by May 27 for pick up on Saturday, May 28th. Please have the items boxed and labeled when you bring them to the collection point or you may bring them to the church.

SPRING STORMS 2011

We can help with the spring storms across the United states by assembling cleaning buckets and giving money.

To donate money: donate through the local church and mark UMCOR on the check

Make your check payable to UMCOR and put Advance # 3021326 on the memo line and mail to UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087.

Online: www.givetomission.org

Credit card: call toll free 1-800-554-8583.