

# BAY MESSENGER

FEBRUARY 2010

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



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## ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

On Wednesday, February 17, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 p.m. This service will include the celebration of communion and will offer the imposition of ashes to those who wish to receive this historic ritual. The chancel Choir will participate, and King David will be here to reflect upon the sins of his youth and how God used those events to teach and guide him.



## PRAYER VIGIL

We will again begin a holy Lent at Bay UMC with a Prayer Vigil on Ash Wednesday, February 17. The vigil will begin at 7 a.m., immediately after our 6:30 a.m. prayer service and continue until 7 p.m., immediately before our evening service. You are asked to come to the church for a 1/2 hour time of prayer sometime during the day — the church's goal is to have two persons in the church during every 1/2 hour period for the entire 12-hour period. There will be devotional and inspirational materials to assist you in your praying. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

## DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Leadership Academy for our district will be **Saturday, February 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights. The theme this year is **"RETHINK CHURCH" . . . We will be encouraged to think of church as something we do rather than a place we go. Re-thinking church is about taking action (actions speak louder than words).**

The Leadership Academy will start with a keynote address to "set the tone" for the day. Participants can then choose two workshops from over 30 different choices being offered. Workshops will present ways we can make our current ministry more effective, and new ways to be in ministry will be presented. Please check the bulletin board by the parking lot door to see all the possibilities being offered.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Carter will be our keynote speaker. He is the senior pastor of Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. Rev. Carter has served churches ranging in size from small mountain churches to congregations of many members.

**THE CHURCH WILL PAY ALL REGISTRATION COSTS. We can register as a group, so call the church office, 440-871-2082, by January 29.**

Brochures are available on the bulletin board by the parking lot door. For more information, talk with Sharon Spieth or Arlene Johnson. This Leadership Academy will be especially helpful to us at Bay UMC as we try to be relevant and faithful.

**“THE WORD IN FEBRUARY”**

**February 7**—Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED

Psalm 138—thanksgiving for deliverance from trouble

Luke 5:1-11—The disciples catch more fish than expected after a word from Jesus

Message: **“The Unexpected Catch”**

**February 14**—Transfiguration Sunday; Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Psalm 99—a hymn of God’s kingship

Luke 9:28-36—The transfiguration

Message: **“Law & Order”**

**February 21**—First Sunday of Lent

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16—A meditation on God as protector of the faithful

Romans 10:8b-13—Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Message: **“Ain’t No Mountain . . .”**

**February 28**—Second Sunday of Lent

Psalm 27—A prayer for deliverance

Philippians 3:17-4:1—Don’t live as enemies of the cross; we are citizens of heaven

Message: - **“Citizens of Heaven”**



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

**Sarah Ruth Circle**

Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 a.m.

Program: Brenda Porter, Jan York,  
Linda Shinko

**Circle of Hope**

Sunday, February 14, 7 p.m.

**Date to Remember**

UMW Soup Supper

Saturday, January 30, 5 p.m.

Adults—\$8

Seniors—\$7

Youth (5-12) \$4



**Lydia Circle**

Tuesday, February 23, 7 p.m.

**THANKS!!**

Thanks to all who did displays in the showcase in 2009:

UMW—Soup Supper

Cyndy Monjot

Paint Campaign (Stewardship Committee)

Susan Johnson

Worship Committee (Lent and Christmas)

Fiesta Fling Committee



## FINANCE MINISTRY

# CONGRATULATIONS – YOU DID IT!



In December we came to you stating we needed \$25,000 to pay our bills and the Line of Credit by year's end. Well, **YOU DID IT!** We ended 2009 with a \$2,100 Surplus. **THANK YOU** for your continued generosity and support of Bay UMC's ministry in these difficult financial times.

Our church entered 2009 "Sailing Into The Future," which was our stewardship theme. Through your generosity the surplus will enable us to smoothly sail into 2010 as we continue to serve God's kingdom and God's causes in the world. God bless each of you.



Larry Johnson  
Finance Chair

## ADULT STUDIES MINISTRY



Our 8:30 a.m. class on Sunday mornings in the Parlor has been featuring "Serious Answers to Hard Questions." This interesting series is being well received and will continue through March 7. Each session starts with a video presentation by a theologian or seminarian, followed by a discussion of our own thoughts and reactions. Watch the E-News and Sunday bulletins for the specific topic for that week.

On March 14, 21, and 28, Jan Reash will lead the class in a presentation of what she has

learned about life after death. This has been an ongoing interest of hers, and she will share with us what she has learned in her research.

At our 6:30 p.m. class on Sunday in the Parlor, FaithLink will continue through February 14. Since Ash Wednesday is on February 17, we will return to our "Hallelujah" series on February 21 and will continue that through March 28. This is



the Bible study based on the text of Handel's "Messiah." We started

during Advent with the first so-called "Christmas section" and will continue with the second section during this Lenten period.

Keep a lookout for the Upper Room devotional booklets on the tables in the narthex and lobby. We have ordered a subscription for the year, and they will come in bi-monthly issues. A few large-print editions will also be available.

# Devotionals

# ASP 2010

## APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT . . . MAKING HOMES WARMER, SAFER, AND DRIER

- ◆ **What?** Appalachia Service Project or “ASP” is a Christian ministry — open to all people — that addresses the housing needs of Central Appalachia.
- ◆ **Where?** ASP serves more than 25 communities in the rural areas of Appalachian Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.
- ◆ **Who?** With the help of volunteers from across the nation, low- and very low-income Central Appalachian families receive home repairs free of charge.
- ◆ **When?** ASP’s home repair ministries serve needy families year-round. During the summer, programs are geared toward high-school-age youth and adult leaders. Summer programs last a week — Sunday through Saturday. Adult volunteer programs are offered throughout the rest of the year.
- ◆ **How?** Homes are repaired through donated volunteer time, funds and supplies. Bay United Methodist church volunteers raise funds for the homes they repair and a portion of the expenses of their annual summer trip through a variety of fundraiser. **The cost of our trip is approximately \$20,000.** Please note and support the following events to be held in the upcoming months:
- ◆ **Since its founding in 1969 by Rev. Glenn “Tex” Evans, ASP has repaired more than 12,500 Central Appalachian homes with the help of more than 240,000 volunteers!**
- ◆ **In 2008, more than 14,373 volunteers from 31 states and 14 denominations registered to serve needy families.**
- ◆ **ASP is more than a home repair program. ASP’s ministry fosters transformational experiences for volunteers, families served, and staff by breaking down cultural, social, and economic barriers and building relationships between all three groups.**



### Appalachia Service Project Statement of Values

- ◆ We believe that each person is a child of God imbued with dignity and worth.
- ◆ We accept people right where they are and just the way they are.
- ◆ We believe that affordable, safe, sanitary housing is a basic human right.
- ◆ We are committed to witness through the good quality of our work and careful stewardship of our resources.
- ◆ We believe God calls volunteers to serve others as partners in ministry, and we will encourage their growth in faith as they are involved in this service.
- ◆ We believe where ASP is involved in local communities we will encourage, affirm, and support social and economic justice.

February 14	Bake Sale Auction
March 14	Soup Sale
March 27	Musical Dinner Theater featuring our Drama Team
May 16	Car Wash
Spring 2010	Sale of Landmark Mulch and Mitchell’s gift cards

### ASP (APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT) STUDY SESSIONS

#### Fellowship Hall

January 31	11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.	March 14	11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.
February 21	11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.	April 18	11:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

# EDUCATION MINISTRY

## EDUCATION INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES

First, many thanks to Lena Macfarlane, Chp., Traci Herbruck, Julianne Hood, Charlie and Kelly MacMillan, Margie Rossander, Becky O'Donnell, and all the moms for organizing the 5 p.m. **Christmas Eve Children's Service (see pictures on page 6).** It was wonderful to hear and see the familiar story as told by our own children.



Sunday School teachers for ages 4 years old through 6th grade are planning a special Sunday School lesson Sunday, February 14, to celebrate **Valentine's Day.**

The group who organized the Advent Fayre is already planning the **Palm Sunday Fayre** for March 28. Cindy Gulley will be the Director of our Vacation Bible School and is in the process of selecting a theme and time for this fun summer opportunity for children. Our hope is to have twice the number of children in attendance as we had last year. We plan to "walk the neighborhood" and invite children to join us for this week of music, stories, activities, crafts, . . .



At the **District Leadership Academy** on February 6, there is a tract for youth. There are special youth workshops, youth lunch (walking Taco Bar), and an afternoon worship service for youth led by Rev. Susan Brown, Director of East Ohio Youth Ministries. This is an interactive worship service where youth will experience God's Word through their own expression of faith. The full



agenda for the day, which includes workshop descriptions, times for activities, and registration is on the Youth Ministry bulletin board next to Fellowship Hall.

Lastly, on Sunday, January 31, at 3 p.m. there is a fundraising ice cream social/concert at the Westlake UMC for **Camphor Mission.** Camphor Mission provides education for children. Chip Richter will provide a 45-60 minute concert. Chip's Family Concerts feature something on the menu for everyone. It's a recipe for "more fun than a kid should be allowed to have" as Chip delivers healthy portions of love and laughter for all ages to enjoy! You can check out some of his tunes at [www.chiprichter.com](http://www.chiprichter.com). In the midst of the concert there will be a hula hoop contest for several age brackets with ice cream cone shaped bubbles as prizes. The finale to the concert will be Chip's Ice Cream song, which was recently used on the Today show for an ice cream feature. After all that fun, you will move to Fellowship Hall for beverages, ice cream, sorbet, and a toppings bar as you make your own sundaes. Families will be able to purchase Chip's music so the fun can continue at home.



For me, all of this in addition to ASP makes Bay UMC an exciting and fun place to be. Many thanks to all of you for the opportunity to be part of this education ministry.

Sharon Spieth  
Christian Education & Youth Ministries



## The children tell the story



... Joseph and Lena Macfarlane,  
the director of the pageant.

and we respond.



... the sheep



... the shepherds



... the kings



... everybody

### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with  
their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among brothers,  
To make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman

**FROM OUR MAILBAG . . .**

To Ron Muth and the BUMC Choir,

My family and I want to thank you for the spectacular Christmas Eve program. My sons and their families expressed the thought that the service was the highlight of Christmas Eve. The solos were very moving. And, thank you, Ron, for the “Jamacian Noel.” Your solos are always a treat.

LaVerne Dieterich

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Thank you for your gift to mission for Disaster Response, International.

Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer  
General Board of Global Ministries

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Many thanks for your continued and generous donations to the Genesis House. The recent hats, gloves, and many toiletries have already been put to good use for our women and children. Many, if not most, arrive with little than the clothes they’re wearing. Your donations will help brighten the lives of many women and children in shelter, as well as those in the after-care programs. Your donation helps remind them they’re not alone.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Zeidner, Executive Director  
Genesis Shelter for Women and Children



**THINKING OF LENT**

Advent prepares us for Christ’s birth; Lent prepares us for the glorious act of Christ’s resurrection.

Churches have special services during the weeks of Lent, but it’s what each of us does regarding our spiritual life that makes Lent most meaningful.

Lent is a good time to read, study, and inwardly digest the four gospels. (The word *gospel* means “good news.”)

A college student decided to work his way through Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John for his Lenten devotional time. Soon he was fascinated by the stories, such as the Pharisees and Sadducees trying to trap Jesus in debate. The brilliant Jesus handled every occasion with wisdom, leaving the authorities dumbfounded.

During his devotional time, the student was filled with laughter and amazement at the brilliant son of God, who was only in his 30’s. Get to know the good news, and you’ll understand the young man’s amazement.

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