

United Methodist Church of Savage

# The Messenger

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**The United  
Methodist  
Church of  
Savage**

**Church:**

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Savage, Maryland 20763

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**Office Hours:**

Monday -Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00  
p.m.

**Worship Times:**

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Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
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**Our mission statement:**

*Our purpose is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, to mature them as Christians, to teach and empower them for ministry in the church, and to support them as they do evangelism and mission in the world.*



Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for *God all things are possible*" (Mark 10:31.)

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ,

The scripture says, *"No one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* (Romans 10:11-13.)

During this Lenten season, 40 days of preparation before celebrating Easter, may we all spend our worship, prayer and ministry time "speaking and acting so all know we believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior."

Please call me if you have concerns, questions or ideas for our Cooperative Parish ministry. Thank you for all your faithful work!

## Electronic Giving comes to UMC Savage

We are pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Our program is safe and secure and is endorsed by the United Methodist Church. When travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, this program will allow your monthly or weekly offerings to continue on an uninterrupted basis. You can change or stop your electronic donations at any time.

Here is how it works. Just pick up an authorization form, fill it out and return it to the church office. You will need your banking information (routing and account numbers or a voided check) to fill out the form. You can choose weekly (on Mondays) or monthly (on the 1st or the 15th of each month) giving and you can specify where you would like your donations placed within the church.

There is no cost to you for this service, although the church pays a small fee (25 cents) for each electronic donation, plus a 50 cent one-time fee to set up each donor. Each of your donations will appear on your regular bank statements as a withdrawal by the church. We also receive a report of all electronic donations, including your envelope number, so we can properly credit your record of giving.

An authorization form and a list of Frequently Asked Questions are available at the church office. We can also provide you with an "I Gave Electronically" card for you to place in the offering plate on Sunday services in place of your envelopes. Please see Hal Harrelson, Pat Riley or Sharon Brown to get started!

Date	Scriptures	Hymns	Sermon title & theme
<b>February 7, 2010</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany,</i> <i>Communion</i>	Psalm 138 Luke 5:1-11	173, Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies 2173 *FWS, Shine Jesus Shine 395, Take Time to Be Holy 451, Be Thou My Vision	<i>"Worked all night &amp; caught nothing."</i> Before being called as disciples their work had limits. How are our ministry results? Are we following Christ?
<b>February 14, 2010, Last Sunday after the Epiphany</b> <u>Boy Scout Sunday</u> at both Community UMC, 9a.m. followed by a light breakfast and UMC of Savage, 10:30 a.m. <i>"We're proud of our scouts!"</i>			
<b>February 17, 2010, 7pm</b> <u>Ash Wednesday Worship</u> , imposition of ashes & communion Joint Cooperative Parish Worship at the UMC of Savage			
<b>February 21, 2010</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13	110, A Mighty Fortress In Our God 177, He Is Lord 2112 FWS, Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley 156, I Love to Tell the Story	<i>"You Will Be Saved,"</i> Paul told us to believe in our heart and confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord! It's time to share our faith with others.
<b>February 28, 2010</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i>	Psalm 27, UMH 758 Luke 13:31-35	140, Great Is Thy Faithfulness 2145 FWS, I've Got Peace Like a River 396, O Jesus I Have Promised" 295, In the Cross of Christ I Glory"	<i>"Trust in God,"</i> the Psalmist encouraged us to trust in God. How's our confidence in God?
<b>March 7, 2010</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent,</i> <i>Communion</i>	Psalm 63:1-11, UMH 788 Luke 13:1-9	127, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 2282 FWS, I'll Fly Away 405, Seek Ye First 121, There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	<i>"Faith, Fire &amp; Fruits,"</i> is what we're evaluated on by our UMC Annual Conference. How are you doing?

- Faith We Sing," United Methodist supplement hymnal

March 28 (Sun) Palm Sunday

April 1 (Thurs) 7pm Joint Cooperative Parish Holy Thursday Worship at Community UMC

April 4 (Sun) 6am Easter Sunrise Worship & Breakfast @ Community UMC; Ecumenical Sunrise

## Altar Schedule

February 2010	Jeanne S.
March 2010	Connie N.
April 2010	Karin B. (Cami W. will order the Easter Lilies)
May 2010	Pam M.
June 2010	Karin B.
July 2010	Connie N.
August 2010	Cami W.
September 2010	Jeanne S.
October 2010	Karin B.

If you are interested in helping out with the altar duties, please see Karin.



## Altar Flowers

If you are interested in purchasing flowers for the altar, please contact the person in charge of the altar for that particular month.

On another note, we would like to have a volunteer take over the outside flower planting in the spring/summer months.

One suggestion would be for church members to purchase plants/flowers for the altar that could then be planted outside.

Please contact Karin if you are interested.



## Altar Duties

1. Change altar cloths and colored banner. Altar cloths are inside the altar. Remove everything, including the altar cloths, from the altar, the pulpit and the lectern. Find the correct color hanging inside the altar, pull out the three cloths, and hang the previous altar cloths inside the altar. Put the correct colored altar cloths on the altar, pulpit, and lectern. Slide altar back in place. Place everything back in place.
2. Change coasters inside collection plates to match altar cloths. The coasters are in the parlor/choir room inside the curio cabinet where the communion items are. There should be one coaster for each collection plate.
3. Change the wall banner to match altar cloths. Banners are stored on the wall in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall (the hallway where the restroom is), and hang in a wooden box behind the fellowship hall door. The hook instrument by the wooden box will assist you with getting the banners from the box. To change the sanctuary banner, release the fishing reel behind the dossal on the lectern, slide slowly to bring the banner within reach. Unhook the banner on the left side and take it off the wooden rods. Also take the bottom rod out to use for the new colored banner. Hang the new banner up in the sanctuary (make sure to check the height on the wall). Hang the other banner back up in the hallway.
4. Check altar candles to see if they should be changed. To do this, pull the brass top of the candle insert to check candle length. New candles usually last about six weeks, unless there are additional services. Candles are in the parlor in the third door. It is best to change both candles at the same time, so they burn evenly. Please check the candle lighter to see if it needs a new wick. Additional wicks are inside the parlor on the same shelf as the candles. If we need more wicks or candles, please tell either Karin or Sharon to order more.
5. Communion is the first Sunday of every month, unless there is something special, like Holy Thursday. The communion cup, bread plate, and clothes to cover the sacraments are in the same cabinet with the collection plate coasters. Please bring an unsliced scored loaf of white bread, and grape juice for communion. Please wrap the bread in 1-2 paper towels and provide a paper towel for under the chalice. Then cover with the cloths in the curio cabinet. Grape juice is usually in the fridge, but if not, please bring enough to fill the chalice. After the service, the pastor, Jim T. and Shawn V. have portable communion sets for shut-ins, so please fill the cups and wrap up some bread for them to use. The portable set is either in the kitchen after the service or by the pulpit. Please wash the communion implements and return them to the cabinet. If the cloths are dirty, please take them home to wash. If you are unable to do this, please give them to Karin.

Please make sure flowers are on the altar each Sunday. Artificial arrangements are in the parlor in the first cabinet.

If someone has signed up for flowers, please ask them if they would like you to get them and how much they want you to spend.

Or, if you want to provide fresh flowers, that would be nice also.

## Youth Group Happenings...

**The Youth Groups** will be hosting the annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 20 at 6 p.m. Prices are \$12 for adults, \$10 for teens (13-17) and \$6 for kids (12 and under). See Pam Mullay to purchase your seats.

All youth group members should arrive no later than 4 p.m. on February 20th in order to eat dinner and prep for the guests. In addition, the youth should show up on Friday, February 19 from 7-9 p.m. to help decorate the church hall from 7-9 p.m. We will not be serving any food on Friday night, so be sure to have dinner before coming to decorate the hall.

In March, we will hold the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 20 from 8—11 a.m. We will be serving pancakes, eggs and sausage. Tickets will go on sale at the end of February. All youth members will need to arrive by 6 a.m. on March 20 in order to have breakfast and prep for the event. We will be decorating the church hall on Friday, March 19 from 6-8 p.m. We will be serving pizza for the kids to eat while decorating.

## How to Help Haiti

There are two ways you can help out our sisters and brothers in Haiti. Monetary donations can be made out to the UMC of Savage marked "Haiti" or you can send them directly to:

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) marked #418325,  
Advance GCFA,  
PO Box 9068, GPO,  
New York, NY 10087-9068.



The United Methodist Church opened a field office in Haiti with the Methodist Church of Haiti in 2005. 100% of Advance gifts made will go to relief. Nearly \$1,000 has been raised in the Cooperative Parish to date.

UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide **health kits** that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti. Hundreds of thousands of kits will be needed in the days and months ahead. The kits, valued at about \$12 per kit, contain everything from towels and washcloths to sterile bandages and soap. They will be distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the recent disaster. You can assemble the kits yourself, or bring items for the kits to church.

***Plans are currently underway to assemble kits on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at the Lenten dinner.***

**Health Kits include all the following NEW items placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.**

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27". No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste (Toothpaste is purchased in bulk & added to health kits to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items and nothing more.



**From the Editor**

The devastation in Haiti made me wonder what would happen if a similar situation occurred in our community. It's hard to imagine losing everything and having to be dependent on others for your survival. On television, they show people and organizations that have dropped everything and gone to aid of those in need in Haiti. I truly believe that if Savage or a surrounding community was in need that our church would rally together and help those needing assistance; that is one of the many traits that I admire about our church. If there is a need, everyone bands together to deliver.

Over the coming years the growth of our church will be key to its success. The Administrative Council is currently working on a five-year growth plan that will focus on all areas of the church. If you have any interest in being involved with developing that plan, please come to the next council meeting on Tuesday, February 9 from 7 -9 p.m.

I have noticed some new members in church and we also have some new members in the junior youth group. This new membership is such a blessing. Please be sure to welcome these new members by introducing yourself during coffee hour. Moving forward, the first Sunday of every month will be "bring a friend to church" Sunday. Everyone, young and old, should make an effort to invite a friend to attend with them.

We still need lots of help with tasks around the church. If you are a new member or a long-time member, and are interested in volunteering, please see Sharon Brown, Pastor Fox or someone from the Administrative Council.

Don't forget — many hands make for a light load!

*Pam Mullay*

## Glove and Mitten Tree/Christmas Stocking Follow-up

Thanks to all who participated in the Glove and Mitten Tree and the Christmas Stocking outreach programs this past December.

Total donations for the Glove and Mitten Tree included 83 pairs of gloves, 33 hats, 16 pairs of socks and 10 scarves. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, these items were provided to Grass Roots of Howard County for distribution.

Thanks to generous donations, the SUMC Christmas Stocking was filled this year with toiletry items. Donations included 62 bottles of shampoo, 65 bars of soap, 35 toothbrushes, 10 tubes of toothpaste, 12 deodorants, 5 baby lotions and a number of other items. These donations were provided to the Savage Food Pantry at the Baptist Church on January 9<sup>th</sup>.



## Lenten Dinners

Our Potluck Lenten Dinners will begin on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 and will continue through Wednesday, March 24, 2010. Please be sure to bring a dish to share and then stay after dinner for a dramatic presentation.



The **deadline** for the April/May newsletter is March 28, 2010.

Send anything you want included (announcements, photos, etc.) to [pam.mullay@verizon.net](mailto:pam.mullay@verizon.net).



## Bell and Adult Choir

Bell and Adult Choir is held on Thursday nights. Bell Choir is at 6:10 p.m. in the fellowship hall and Adult Choir is at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room. Any and all are welcome to join.

For more information, please contact Karin Book at 301-490-7229 or email [mullenp@his.com](mailto:mullenp@his.com).







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## Adult Sunday School Class

All are invited to attend the Adult Sunday School Class which is held every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m. Our lessons come from the Uniform Series International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching which is approved by The United Methodist Church General Board of Discipleship and is published by Cokesbury.

The lessons to be covered in February and March 2010 will include:

February 7	Matthew 15: 21-28	"Recognized by a Canaanite Woman"
February 14	Matthew 16: 13-27	"Declared by Peter"
February 21	Matthew 17: 1-12	"Witnessed by Disciples"
February 28	Matthew 26: 6-13	"Anointed by a Woman in Bethany"
March 7	Jonah 1:1-3, 3:1-9	"Mission to the Community"
March 14	Jonah 3:10 - 4:11	"A Community to Redeem"
March 21	Ruth 1:1-16	"Family as Community"
March 28	Ruth 2:5-12	"Acceptance in Community"

Please come and join us. Extra study books are available.