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Be There. Be Hope. In Haiti.

Thank You for Providing HOPE to our Brothers and Sisters in Haiti. January 12th was the worst earthquake in Haiti in over 200 years. As many as 150,000 deaths occurred in a matter of seconds. The survivors and their children will be dealing with this disaster for a lifetime.

We have received \$ 1705 in Sunday donations for Haiti relief. In addition the Pumpkin Patch fund donated \$ 585, we had already accumulated \$ 312.50 in funds for UMCOR, and the JOY Band donated \$ 300, bringing our total thus far to \$2,902.50. Thank you for supporting this important mission. 100% of all donations made to UMCOR for Haiti will be used for the people of Haiti. Stay informed by checking out the website: umcor.org or 10thousanddoors.org.



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**Give through The Advance to Haiti relief at
www.umcorhaiti.org**

Let's not forget our
Home-Bound Members
in 2010 with cards, calls,
visits and prayers.

- Aileen Plemmons*
- Hugh Groce*
- Joe & Betty Revis*
- Mary Dalton*
- Edythe Earwood*
- Marcella Mathys*
- Melvin Whitmire*
- Violet Reynolds*
- Jeanne Lance*

Ask for their addresses and phone numbers from the church office or get them in the memorial room.





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Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

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The Gabriel family for the loss of Steve Gabriel.

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The Smith family for the loss of Lloyd.

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The Groce family for the loss of Mildred.

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Our love and prayers are with you all.

Your Abernethy family.



Mark Your Calendar

On Sunday, February 7, following the worship service our youth will host their annual spaghetti luncheon. The cost for this meal will be \$6 for adults, \$3 for children under 5 and \$20 for families of four or more. Make plans to attend and enjoy this delicious meal, fellowship and support our youth. Take out plates will also be available.

FROM THE PASTOR:

With Valentine's Day approaching, perhaps we might reflect on the nature of love. When we do reflect on it, we discover that, while all of us are sure we know what love is, we have a hard time understanding it and explaining it – and practicing it. Has a word ever been more abused or misspoken than “love”? (Perhaps “God” and “religion” would be contenders.)

Without ever clearly defining it, we use “love” to describe an incredible variety of circumstances and relationships. I say, for instance, that I love God, I love my wife, and I love our children. These are all meaningful relationships, but they aren't the same, are they? My love may be deeply felt in each case, but I don't love God in exactly the same way I love my wife, or love my wife in exactly the same way I love my children. And, to complicate things a little more, I also love books and Mexican food and just about every piece of music the Allman Brothers ever recorded.

What is it that binds all these loves together? What exactly do we mean when we say we love someone? Here's a theologian's definition:

“Love is essentially an active and intentional care for the wellbeing of the other.”

The theologian is Majorie Hewitt Suchocki, a deeply committed United Methodist layperson whose work I like very much. Now more or less retired, she taught for many years at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, and Claremont School of Theology in California.

“Love is essentially an active and intentional care for the wellbeing of the other.”

I admit it isn't catchy enough for a greeting card. It's not likely to make it as a song lyric. But it does have its good points.

For one thing, it reminds us that love is not only something we feel; it's also something we do – not just an emotion but a commitment, a conviction, a disposition that manifests itself in action. For another, it reminds us that love does more than simply meet needs. Pay special attention to that word “wellbeing.” As Suchocki uses it, it means something like the biblical word shalom – the fulfillment and flourishing of the whole person, in mind, body, and spirit.

And notice also the use of the term “the other.” I know it seems dry and abstract. Referring to your husband or wife as “the other” sounds like a line from a bad joke about marriage. But it's useful. It points to what is best about our love, namely, that it overflows and embraces many “others.” It moves toward

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WE PRAY TOGETHER

Let us keep the following persons in our prayer for Healing, Health and Wellness.

Katie Grace Peterson

Jean Petty

The Kanoy Family

The Gabriel Family

The People in Haiti

Paula and family
(coworker of Rachel Christian)

The Groce family

Joe Reid

Joann Shriner
(Mary Jo Drake's daughter)

Our soldiers

John Moore

The Herndon Family

Jean Steele
(Arnelle Poore's sister)

Mary Dalton

Howard Reynolds

The Lloyd Smith family

Joe Reid

Joan Muse

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someone or something outside or beyond ourselves. The "other" might be a friend, a much loved pet, a cherished gift or belonging, a familiar or beautiful place. The "other" might be God, or it might be a total stranger. These days an "other" that is much on our hearts and minds is Haiti.

Of course, each of us is "the other" whom God actively and intentionally loves. We are able to love

generously because God loves us. We can love many different people and things all at once because that's how God loves. "We love because he first loved us... Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another" - First John 4:19, 11. Happy Valentine's Day!

Peace, Tony

WHAT IS YOUR PASSION FOR MINISTRY?

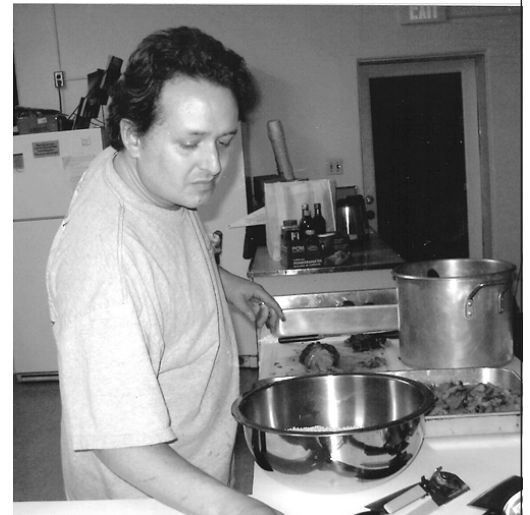
One of our newest members has a passion for food, nutrition, and how early Christians prepared their food. He took this God given talent to bring a very special meal to our congregation. In doing so he was able to send \$230 to ABCCM's food pantry from the proceeds of this meal.

Those of you who attended this wonderful meal heard Willie Reed explain about the foods and seasonings used during the times of Christ. Willie's gift and passion for ministry gave our congregation a very special Christmas experience; and supplied food for those in need.

God gives all of us abilities and gifts to prepare us for ministry. These gifts make contributions to our church, our society, our world. Just as we were saved by grace, God prepares each of us by grace for service.

What is your passion for ministry? What are the talents God has given you? We all have something to contribute--something to glorify God. We hope to help you find a way to share your passion--your talent.

Abernethy UMC



B.E.A.R. Closet II News!

Our next open date is Wednesday, February 4, from 12:00-6:00. We need your help as we are planning for the new year. Open your heart to some worthwhile time you may have to give in this ministry to help

our community. We loan clothing and equipment to aid families with babies and small children. Please volunteer if only for an hour or two. Thank you. Nancy Moore 254-9102

FEBRUARY AROUND ABERNETHY

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Matthew Anderson,
Alice Hoffman
2. Melanie Parham
3. Betty Williams
6. John Shriner,
Jane Anne Luther
7. Chris Styles
8. Connor Hillier
9. Jean Petty
10. Jo Larsen
11. Sally Abu-Ghousk
12. Don Smith
13. Norman Anderson
14. Heather Sorrels,
Jeanne Fowler
16. Greg Culbertson
18. Hali Bosma
19. Clara Culbertson
21. Loretta Greene,
Karen S. Jackson
22. Gloria Woodbery
23. Frances Reid
25. Billy Hillier
27. Lloyd Jordan,
Kelly Kurowski
28. Mildred Lee Dixon

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

14. Regina & Michael
Stanberry

2010 Calendars
from the
AM Group and
Pecans from
the JOY Band
are still available.
Contact any
members for
purchase.

FEBRUARY DATES AT PRINTING:

- FEB 1st - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
 FEB 2nd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 7 pm - Boy Scouts
 FEB 3rd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 12 - 6pm - BEAR Closet II
 7 pm - Chancel Choir
 8 pm - AA
 FEB 4th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 9:30 am - Yarn winders
 9:30 am - Quilters
 10 am - Bulletin deadline
 6:30 pm - Area Ministries
 7 pm - Cub Scouts
 FEB 6th - 8 pm - AA
**FEB 7th - Youth Spaghetti Fund
 Raiser following
 worship service**
 FEB 8th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
 FEB 9th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 10am- A.M. Group
 7 pm - Boy Scouts
 FEB 10th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 7 pm - Chancel Choir
 8 pm - AA
 FEB 11th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 9:30 am - Yarn winders
 9:30 am - Quilters
 10 am - Bulletin deadline
 7 pm - Cub Scouts
 FEB 13th - 8 pm - AA
 FEB 14th - 8 am - UMM *Valentine's* Breakfast
 5:30 pm - Trustees Meeting
 FEB 15th - 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
 FEB 16th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 7 pm - Boy Scouts
 FEB 17th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
**6:00 pm - ASH WEDNESDAY
 SERVICE**
 7 pm - Chancel Choir
 8 pm - AA
 FEB 18th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 10 am - Bulletin deadline
 12 - Happy Abernethy
 6:30 - Administrative Board
 7 pm - Cub Scouts
 FEB 20th - 9 am - Trustee workday
 8 pm - AA
 FEB 22nd - 6pm - Men's Supper Group
 6:15 pm - Disciple Bible Study
 FEB 23rd - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 7 pm - Boy Scouts
 FEB 24th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 7 pm - Chancel Choir
 8 pm - AA
 FEB 25th - 9am - 1pm - Dandelion Hill
 9:30 am - Yarn winders
 9:30 am - Quilters
 10 am - Bulletin deadline
 7 pm - Cub Scouts
 FEB 27th - 8 pm - AA
 FEB 28th - 12:30 pm - **UMW general meeting
 and program**

REGULAR SERVICE TIME

- 9:30 am - Coffee in Fellowship Hall
 9:45 am - Sunday School
 10:45 am - Gathering Music
 11 am - Worship
 5:30 pm - United Methodist Youth

Church Office Hours:

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12 pm

DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please call the church office and listen to the voice mail for information about services or activities. Also, it will be posted on the local WLOS Channel 3 station.

REMEMBER TO BRING CANNED FOOD FOR ABCCM.

Canned meats, stews, and canned fruit are especially appreciated at this time of year, but any offering is welcome. Place your contributions in the basket in the narthex.

Remember- You can look through a whole year of events on our calendar at abernethy.org

Meetings quick reference:

No JOY Band meetings in February or March

BUDGET

Offering: \$14,748.28
 ABCCM:..... \$663
 Lazarus:..... \$89.95