the Beacon

April 8, 2012

Holy Week Events:

Maundy Thursday Service
April 5th
7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service April 6th 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Saturday Easter Fest
(Family-Friendly)
April 7th
10:00 am-12:00 pm

Easter Services
Sunday Morning

7:11 | FLC 8:00 | Sanctuary

9:30 | Sanctuary 11:00 | Sanctuary

11:07 | FLC



Upcoming Events & Reminders

Saturday Scrapbooking

Come participate in a scrapbooking session! Bring all your supplies, some items for Sharing & Caring and snacks to share. We are scrapbooking on:

Saturday, April 14 from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Contact Pat Brantley (830-1355) with any questions.



Do I Know You?

If you have a nametag, please remember to wear it at church! This will help members know others better and recognize visitors. If you'd like a nametag, please sign up in the Narthex.

New Divorce Care Class

Beginning April 2nd, this group will meet on Monday nights in FLC Room 210 at 6:30 pm. The focus of this group is to help you face the challenges of divorce as well as to help move you toward rebuilding your life.

For questions or additional information, contact: Tammy Morgan (301-1931).

Wednesday Fellowship Dinner

April 11th | Asian Stir Fry over Rice

Adults \$6.50 / Children 3 - 10 \$3 Max \$25 per household

Please make a reservation by noon on Tuesday through the church office and plan to join us between 5:00-6:15 pm on Wednesday.

Friendship Club

All interested seniors are invited to attend the next luncheon meeting of the Friendship Club to be held on Tuesday, April 10th, at 11:30 am in the Family Life Center. The speaker will be Larry Van Pelt, a retired AF test pilot and recent author of the book entitled, "Flying Tales." He will share many interesting tales from his book - some engrossing and others very funny. Come out and join us for this time of good food and fellowship. Cost is \$6 and reservations are needed. To make a reservation, please call the church office before noon on the Monday before.



Floral Cross

Easter Sunday morning we will continue our Shalimar UMC tradition to help beautify the church by placing the Easter flower cross in front of the sanctuary. Please bring flowers to insert in the wire to make it come to life. Any kind of flower is fine, whether they came from your yard or a store. The result will be a bright and blooming cross to symbolize the life that comes from the death of Christ. So on Easter Sunday, please remember to bring a bouquet of flowers and find a place to contribute them to the cross. Bring your cameras also, this will be a picture you will want to keep.

Youth Choir Dinner Theater
High Cotton
April 13th & 14th | 6:30 pm | FLC Gym

A Dramatic Musical about PRIDE AND PREJUDICE by Dennis & Nan Allen

Tickets are \$15 with Prime Rib Dinner included and may be purchased from Youth Choir members or from Pastor Jeff Keeman (651-0721, ext. 112).

Thank You

Jan and I send our heartfelt thanks for the prayer support, cards, and well wishes we received from our church family during her recent hospitalization. Hopefully she's on the road to recovery now and will be back with you all soon. Prayer is such a powerful thing and to have so many praying for us for so long is truly touching. God is good and He does listen to His children. Thank you all so much!

Sincerely, Roger and Jan Spencer

Beacon Notice

Do you have a group meeting or event that you'd like featured in the Beacon? Please email time, place and details to beacon@shalimar-umc.org or call the church office. Deadline to submit information for the newsletter is Monday at noon!

HELPING HANDS

We know ladies in Shalimar don't go to sleep during worship, but their legs do (when feet can't touch the floor). Our Lord is concerned about even the small details in our lives, so Helping Hands Ministry has made small stools for their comfort. Look for them in the Usher's Closet in the Narthex.

The Helping Hands Ministry

Relay For Life

Relay for Life is an 18 hour walk that raises money for the American Cancer Society. Our church has two teams and is trying to raise \$2,000 towards cancer research. All donations are welcome and can be made in honor of a loved one. A business may sponsor us and get an advertising track marker or even a spot on our t-shirts! We also are looking for walkers!

Our next meeting will be April 17th at 5:00 pm to finalize plans. EVERYONE is welcome to the meetings and the night of the Relay, April 20th at 6:00 pm at Choctaw HS.

Our team name is HOPE for HEROES: Hebrews 6:19. We have this HOPE as an ANCHOR for the soul, firm and secure.

Our main campsite decoration will be a HOPE wall of HEROES. We need photos of cancer survivors, those who have passed, caregivers, doctors, and those working to help find a cure (i.e. all of us). We will decorate a 4x8 wall with these photos.

We will also be adding names to the back of our team shirts again this year. Any donation is accepted to add a name to the shirts.

You may get more information at the Relay info table in the FLC on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings or email Crissman3@msn.com. All donations are tax deductible!

Thanks, Jenn Dixon (814) 288-9793

Spiritual Formation - 50 Days of Prayer

I'm convinced the one thing that every United Methodist can do to influence the outcome of this General Conference is to lift it to the Lord in prayer. When we pray, we can be confident that God will hear and answer our prayer.

-- Tom Albin, Dean of Upper Room Ministries and Ecumenical Relations and Co-Chair of the Prayer Support Team for GC2012

When delegates to General Conference 2012 meet in Tampa this April, you and other United Methodists around the world will be able to join them in an unprecedented concert of prayer, seeking God's will for their decisions.

The Upper Room, a division of GBOD, has produced a prayer guide called 50 Days of Prayer. (Available online or in the church office.)

Traditionally, The Upper Room's Prayer Guide has covered the 40 days prior to the General Conference. The new guide includes the additional 10 days the General Conference will be in session.

"This is an intentional step forward in being a global Christian community and calling on every church, in every country all around the world to pray together for 40 days before we gather at Tampa at the convention center on April 24," Albin said. "Then for the entire time the Conference is in session, we'll be praying with the delegates and the community there as they use these meditations."

(Excerpt with some modifications from article on the General Conference 2012 website.)



Easter Shuttle Service

Please take advantage of our shuttle service on this extra busy Sunday at SUMC. Our shuttle will run from the Madak Office Center (six blocks down at 9th Ave & 2nd St) to the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 8th. There will be an additional service at 7:11 am on Easter and the shuttle will begin running at 6:30 am. The last shuttle will run at 12:30 pm. Please help us ease the parking by utilizing the shuttle or by carpooling!

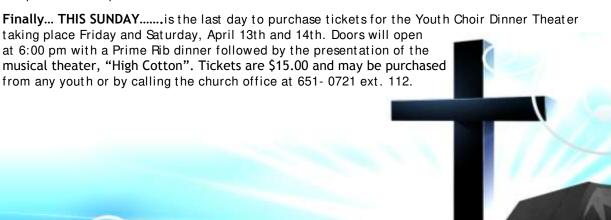


How can I not start this article without mentioning last week's Spring Concert. Thank you Chancel Choir, Orchestra, Ensembles, Soloists and AV Workers Brian Franklin and Joe Kocanowski, for service well done. I also want to thank the children and adults that led the Palm Processional.

It has been 16 years since I coached sports at a public high school. It really does seem long ago and I have certainly forgotten a lot about that aspect of my life, however, the one constant parallel with being a coach and a Minister of Music is FORGETFULNESS. Many coaches use the 24 Hour Rule to allow their players to either celebrate victory or mourn a loss because the next big event is just ahead and, depending on how quickly you forget, will often times determine how successful you will be the next event.

We celebrated a wonderful event last Sunday, but the Christian Super Bowl is this Sunday, Easter Sunday. We know in our minds that the resurrection of Christ Jesus supposedly was the FINAL VICTORY, but does it connect within our hearts? Sometimes we are like the athlete who knows he or she should win for no other reason than being better prepared with superior ability, only to be defeated and hear the words, "Their hearts were just not into it."

Well, this Sunday come encouraged with hearts and minds prepared for the VICTORY which is ours for the claiming. Enter into the house of the Lord with a spirit of FORGETFULNESS because that is what God did through Christ when he came to live, die and rise again. He came to remove any doubt that our confessed sins before Him are buried and FORGOTTEN. I pray you depart worship this Sunday morning victorious with not only the words "Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!", but also the words echoed by the Apostle Paul found in Philippians 3:12-14. Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.



Overseas Mission Team Update

Due to price concerns, the mission trip we were planning to Paraguay has been cancelled for this year. We hope to try to schedule it again next year. We are now pursuing plan "B" which is a mission work trip to Eleuthera, Bahamas in support of the Methodist Habitat in the Bahamas. This trip is for adults and youth ages 14 and up. There are two dates possible: the week of July 29th-August 4th and August 5th-11th. The cost will be approximately \$1300.00 per person depending upon airfare. Scholarship monies may be available to those needing assistance. **YOU MUST HAVE A PASSPORT** to go. If you are interested, we need your name, a copy of your passport and driver's license and an initial non-refundable deposit of \$100 by Friday, April 13 to the church office. For more information go to www.methodisthabitat.org or call Mission Team Leader Terry Brown (240-5290).

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the **Nursery**! If you have an interest in working with very young children (newborn to 3 years old), we need your help. We currently have Nursery Attendants but according to the Safe Sanctuary guidelines, two people must be present with the children at all times. If you feel led to help with this very important volunteer position or would like more information, please contact Susan McLain @ 651-0721 ext. 116 or by emailing children@shalimar-umc.org.

Women of Faith Leader Needed

This year's *Women of Faith conference, Celebrate What Matters 2012*, is in Orlando at the Amway Center on October 12th and 13th. The conference begins on Friday from 7:00-10:00 pm and continues Saturday from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Participants who have attended in past years have very much enjoyed this event, **but a group** leader from SUMC is needed to organize our team!

Please contact Pastor David to learn about this opportunity @ 651-0721,ext 125 or david@shalimar-umc.org.

Audio Visual Team

Want to showcase your technical and creative talents?

Join the Audio/Visual team, no experience is necessary. You can help before and during worship. Opportunities to serve include running sound, lights or the worship software on Sunday, special services and events. On occasion, we have a need for special events as well. If you are interested please contact the AV team @joe@shalimar-umc.org or wmcbroom@cox.net.

Children's Corner (4 years old-5th grade)

Easter Fest: Saturday, April 7 from 10 am-noon in the FLC- join us for a day of celebrating our Risen Lord with face painting, clowns, crafts, inflatables, puppet show, snacks, egg hunt (bring your basket), all children's choirs will sing and more! This is a free outreach event for our Shalimar church & community! Invite everyone you know to come help us celebrate our Lord!

FISH FACTORY KIDZ WILL SING THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 8 at the 11:07 am worship service. We will sing and do motions to "O Happy Day"!

SUMMER CAMP AT LAKE FOREST REGISTRATION BEGINS NOW!

Sign up early and reserve your SEAT!! Dates: July 22-July 26. Cost: \$325. Stop by Miss Susan's office to get a form or grab one in the FLC foyer!

<u>KIDZ NITE OUT</u>- for elementary kids from 6:00-10:00 pm in the FLC gym. Cost: \$15 first child, \$10 second child, etc. We will have free play, glow in the dark games, pizza, soda, and make ice cream sundaes. Also: crafts and more! Bring your friends! This makes a great date night, parents!!

ALL CHILDREN'S CHOIR MUSICAL: May 6, 6:00 pm in the FLC

END OF YEAR CHOIR/FISH FACTORY PARTY: May 20 from 3:00-5:00 pm in the Courtyard-wear your bathing suit for some awesome water slides, sno cones & more!

<u>VBS: TRANSFORMED: Make a Change with Jesus!! June 18 -22 from 9:00 am - noon for kids 4</u> years-5th grade.

VBS Meeting- Monday, April 9 at 6:30pm in the Computer Lab- let's get ready to be TRANSFORMED!!! All volunteers are welcome to join us and help me get organized!! We will need help with decorations, registration, pictures, gathering supplies, badges, folders, snacks, crafts, games, science, audio/ visual and more!

<u>Children's Church</u>: (every Sunday except the first week of the month) for children 4 years - 5th grade at 8:00 am and 11:00 am (pick up in the Computer Lab after church) and during 11:07 am in FLC Room 103, 104, 105. We will be having an egg hunt and playing in the Courtyard this week!

NO CHOIR OR FISH FACTORY ON EASTER - APRIL 8 - see you next week!

<u>Wednesday Night Bible Classes - 6:00-7:45 pm-in the Courtyard.</u> For Kinder-5th grade only-Easter Party will be on April 11. Boys bring chips, girls bring desserts and I will bring the rest.

Thank you so much for all your support in Children's Ministry! If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call me!

Grace and Peace, Miss Susan children@shalimar-umc.org or cell: 598-6683



Weekly Schedule April 8-14, 2012

Sunday, April 8th	Wednesday, April 11th
Worship Times	Splash of Joy Bible Study 9:30 am
Traditional Services8 & 11 am	Fellowship Dinner 5:00 pm
Contemporary Service 9:30 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal5:30 pm
Freedom Service11:07 am	Transformed Youth5:30 pm
	Kidz JAM (Kinder-1st grade)6:00 pm
Easter Service7:11 am	Kidz PB&J (2nd-3rd grade) 6:00 pm
Sunday School for all ages9:30 am	Kidz BLT (4th-5th grade)6:00 pm
College MERGE (ages 18 to 25) 10:00 am	Rejoice Rehearsal6:00 pm
	Gloryland Rehearsal6:00 pm
Monday, April 9th	Disciple 1 (McBroom) 6:00 pm
Praise Team Rehearsal	Disciple 4-Under the Tree of Life 6:00 pm
Lighthouse Rehearsal6:00 pm	Disciple 1 (Hoppenjan)6:00 pm
VBS Meeting6:30 pm	Depression Support Group 6:15 pm
"Experiencing God" Study 6:30 pm	Youth Worship 6:30 pm
Divorce Recovery6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal7:00 pm
Community Orchestra7:00 pm	Alanon 8:00 pm
One+One Śingles7:00 pm	
Trust ees Meeting7:00 pm	Thursday, April 12th
,	Strength Training 8:00 am
Tuesday, April 10th	MOPS Group 9:15 am
Men's Basketball6:00 am	Pizza w/ Pastors 6:00 pm
Strength Training8:00 am	Stephen Ministry Supervision 6:30 pm
Friendship Club Lunch	Pastor Member Orientation 7:00 pm
JoyRingers Bell Choir5:30 pm	·
Men's Disciple Workshop6:30 pm	Friday, April 13th
Free 2 Serve Team Meeting6:45 pm	Playgroup/ Marler Park10:00 am
The Leave real meeting	High Cotton Dinner Theater 6:30 pm
	Saturday, April 14th
	Prayer Group8:00 am
	High Cotton Dinner Theater 6:30 pm





Youth Happenings

where God & teenagers connect

Saturday April 7th

12:30 - 3:00pm - Youth Choir Rehearsals in the FLC

Sunday, April 8th

9:30-10:30 am- "InsideOut" Sunday School! We want you to be transformed from the *inside out* through the Sunday morning classes we offer. We meet together in the Youth Rooms at 9:30 for announcements and then separate into the different classes being offered.

NO Youth Choir Rehearsal

NO Snack Supper

NO FUSION - East er Sunday, encouraging all youth to spend the evening with their families.

Wednesday, April 11th

5:30-6:30 pm: **Hang time in the Youth Rooms**. This is a time for homework, pin ball, video games, or just hanging out with your friends.

6:30-8:00 pm: Transformed Small Group Bible Study- Our small groups are open for new members to join at any time. Our small groups are divided up by grade level and gender. A great time to form close knit relationships with other youth on the same page in life, together growing closer to God through prayer, bible study, account ability and love.

Upcoming Events

May 20th- Senior Recognition Sunday- Parents are asked to contact the church office and provide the name and mailing address of your graduating high school senior, if you would like for them to participate in the Senior Recognition Service and Luncheon. The Recognition Service will be held during the 11:07 worship service with the luncheon immediately following. Information can also be emailed to youth@shalimar-umc.org. We will then provide you a letter with additional information about what we have planned.

Does God Care About Your Marriage? You Bet!

Find out how much by attending the Marriage Encounter-United Methodist weekend. Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and schedules and focus on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship you'll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. The next weekend is April 27-29, Marriott Springhill Suites, Pensacola Beach, FL. Register at encounter.org or contact Jerry and Lin Wilson (251-661-3722).

Baptisms

3/18 - Nolan Scott Ibsen
3/18 - Charlotte Antonette Ibsen

3/25 - Ryan James Parker 3/25 - Shanna Rae McClenahan

New Members

3/18 - Brandy Evans & children: L'Anja, Serenity, Patience & Isaiah 3/18 - Jean Bernier, Randa Bernier

3/25 - Danielle Beth Parker

Worship Attendance April 1

8:00 am	322
9:30 am	105
11:00 am	363
11:07 am	357
Total:	1147

Read the latest missionary newsletter from the Eisenberg Family attached at the end of this Beacon!

Altar Flowers

Flower bouquets and single roses are available on the following Sundays:

April 15th, 22nd & 29th.

Bouquets: \$35.00 each | Roses: \$2.50 each

Shalimar United Methodist Church

1 Old Ferry Road / P.O. Box 795 Shalimar, FL 32579 (850) 651-0721 Return Service Requested

Serving Sunday, April 8th

Acolytes
Altar Preparer
Children's Church8:00 Susan McLain
Children's Sermon 8:00 Susan McLain
Counters 8:00 Patricia Payne, Don Crosson
11:00 Bruce Smith, Ardis Au
11:07 Larry Mundy, Mark Stogsdill
Greeters
9:30 Le Le
11:00 Charles Allen, Jeannette Punihaole
Pew Care Betty Doyle
Sanctuary Sound System 8:00 Brian Franklin
9:30 Ron Judy, 11:00 Brian Franklin
Ushers 8:00 Basil Bethea, Brance Parker
Derrell Parker, Don Schambeau
9:30 Duke & Norma Eliason
11:00 Chatt Johnson, Carol Johnson
Tony Jadin, John Winterberger
Westwood Driver Charley Dyess

After Hours Emergency Pastoral Assistance:

Dr. Larry Bryars	699-3734
Rev. David Hoppenjan	376-1088
Rev. Jonathan Hart	200-8709

We are called to serve you. By the nature of our calling, we often are not in the office, but are at a hospital, convalescent facility or visiting someone confined in their home, etc. If you wish to see us at the church office you may best accomplish that by calling the church office at 651-0721 so that we can set a time to be there for you.

Church Office Hours: 8 am - 4 pm Mon - Thurs / 8 am - Noon Friday

To add someone to the prayer chain please contact the church office at 651-0721 or **prayer@shalimarumc.org**. After hours, you may call **Betty McLain** at 862-4497. A written copy of our church family's prayer concerns is available each Sunday in the Narthex, or you may request to receive it via e-mail.

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If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 N.L.T.

THE GATHERING

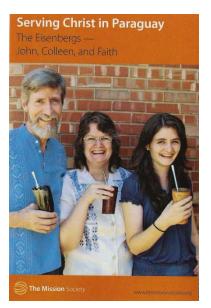
In early January we met with our missionary colleagues for a weeklong seminar to worship together, and to learn how to better utilize technology in our ministry. We now have a network in which we can share helpful ideas, discuss and learn from noted authors, review our expenses, be spiritually refreshed, and be more frugal with our ministry funds.



SOUTH AMERICAN MISSIONARY GATHERING

CAN YOU HELP US SAVE?

We are always looking for ways to use your contributions wisely. If you receive both the snail mail version and the email version and would like to help us cut costs, please let us know and send us an e-mail to eikeypy@yahoo.com. It would help us save some of the \$500 a year just in postage, not to mention paper and printing costs. We will gladly send hard copies to those who need them.



DRINKING TRADITIONAL **PARAGUAYAN TEA**

PRAYER AND PRAISES

We want to thank each of you for your support and prayers this past year. We are on track in our support raising to be able to return to Paraguay in June.

- 1. Pray that the Holy Spirit is already going ahead of us in the ministry to Paraguay. We will need to train a team of people to help us with Alpha marriage and other Alpha programs.
- 2. Pray for wisdom in organizing a young- marrieds' ministry in the Paraguayan Methodist Church.
- 3. Continue to pray for us as we travel to our supporting churches.
- 4. Pray for Faith as she studies nursing at Messiah College. Also, pray that she gets a good summer job.
- 5. Pray for revival in Paraguay and the United States

NUEVO HORIZONTE SCHOOL



PARAGUAY KINDERGARTEN

Before we left Paraguay, Colleen helped teach English to the four and five year olds at Nuevo Horizonte School in Lambare, Paraguay. This school enables children, who often come from families of dire poverty, to get a Christian education. Many of the children have led their parents to the Lord. The Methodist Church in the area now holds three services on Sunday because of so many believers and is building a bigger church across the street. Please check out their website:

www.paraguayschools.org

Facebook: http://es-

la.facebook.com/nuevohorizontepy

Short school videos:

www.youtube.com/user/nuevohorizontepy

Two Ways to Help:

1. You can sponsor a child (\$35 a month or \$420 a year), by contacting Tina Spannbauertinaspannbauer.samaritanhands@gmail.com

Please make checks payable to Samaritan Hands/Paraguay Schools and send to:

Samaritan Hands/Paraguay School

% Fairview United Methodist Church

2508 Old Niles Ferry Rd.

Maryville, TN 37803

2. To make a donation to construction projects or to help with general operating expenses for the school, please make checks payable to ADVANCE GCFA. Write New Horizon School - Project #3021089 on the check and indicate if it is for construction or for operating expenses. Send your check to:

Advance GCFA P.O. Box 9068, GPO New York, NY 10087-9068



NEW CHURCH FOR SCHOOL

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April 15 Middlesettlements UMC,

Maryville, TN

April 15 evening in Richmond, KY Wilmore UMC, Wilmore, KY April 17

(breakfast only)

April 18 First UMC, Chilhowie, VA Apr 21,22 Pender UMC, Fairfax, VA

Trinity UMC, Van Wert, OH April 29 April 29 Riverview UMC, Indep.OH?

May 4 Evangelical UMC, Brookville, PA

May 6 Bethany UMC,

May 27

Wescosville, PA May 9 Grace UMC, Indiana, PA

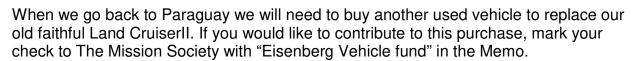
June 26 Departure for Paraguay (our tickets are purchased!)

First UMC, Alva, OK









CHRIST HAS RISEN! Let us celebrate in our risen Lord! Thank you so much! Blessings this EASTER,

Hohn + Colleen

The Eisenbergs