

# The Tower



## East Heights United Methodist Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out To Share the Good News of Christ

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### Feast on Pancakes and Support Young Spirit!

Join us Sunday, February 26, from 8 a.m. -1 p.m in the Dining Room & Hedrick Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children (10 and under). You'll enjoy pancakes, egg casserole, sausage, bacon, fruit, juices and coffee. Please join Young Spirit Youth Choir as they raise funds for Choir Tour 2012 to Chicago.



We appreciate your support!

### Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 22, we'll commemorate the start of the season of Lent with a **Service of Ashes at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**. Lent lasts from Ash Wednesday until Easter, focusing on self-examination and on drawing into a deeper relationship with God. Nursery will be provided during the service. (Activities that night will end before 7 p.m. so everyone can attend. )

#### Opportunities for Study During Lent

**"The Kingdom of God is among you"**

**Sundays, 11 a.m., Dining Room – Feb. 19-April 1**

Jesus' parables describe the qualities and characteristics of God's reign that intend to transform how we live on this side of the grave. Join us for a study using John Indermark's book, "Parables and Passion, Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent." Contact Beth in the church office at 682-6518 or [beth@ehumc.org](mailto:beth@ehumc.org) to order your book.

**"Fear God"**

**Mondays, 6:30 p.m., Covenant Rm- Feb. 20-April 2**

We'll discuss the weighty topic of the Trinity. The study is from Francis Chan's **Basic** series. Bart Wilson, a church member and lay leader, will facilitate. If you'd like to know more or want to sign up, e-mail Bart at [layleader@ehumc.org](mailto:layleader@ehumc.org) or just come. There are no books to order. The study is meant to be accessible to everyone, so there's no outside reading. Each session will stand on its own.

**"Gospel Encounters**

**Wednesdays, 6 p.m. Conference Rm Feb. 22-April 4**

Join in an experience of exploring the assigned scriptures for the Lenten season! The Rev. Dayna Hauschild will lead the study that will focus on the Gospel reading for the week. There is no study material, just an experience of encountering Scripture in a unique and multi-dimensional way. All that is needed is a Bible and a willingness to engage the Word of God. Contact Dayna at [dlhauschild@gmail.com](mailto:dlhauschild@gmail.com) or contact Kathy Lefler at 682-6518 in the church office.



**Marion Woods, right, poses for a photo on the steps of the house where the mission team worked.**

### Costa Rica Mission Trip: "Amazing"

**By Paige Nelson**

**Director of Youth Ministries**

We just returned from an amazing mission trip to Costa Rica where we worked with the church in Santa Rita. It was a dying church with just eight people. However, Alejandro, a new pastor who had completed his first year of seminary was appointed at the beginning of this year. On his first Sunday, 10 people came to church. On his second Sunday, there were 40 people. On the Sunday we were there, 50 people came! It's very exciting to see the Spirit move and the excitement that's created. While we were there, we worked on the parsonage, preparing it for Alejandro and his fiancée. We also began to paint their education building.

We once again partnered with **Marion and Mary Woods**. This year's team included **Paige Nelson, Beth Strickler, Tina Pracht, Mary Nusz, Carolyn Kretzer, Vona Dean, Sally Goodson and Molly Kretzer**.

We'll return in 2013 - Join us! Items we'll take include school, craft and sewing supplies and clothes—new or gently used (summer, but also light-weight jackets, long-sleeves, pants...) Donations can be left in the bin in the Coffee House.

## Preschool Begins Enrollment March 1

By Robin Eshelman  
Preschool Director

East Heights Preschool was conceived as an outreach ministry to both the children and families of the church and the community. The vision was to provide a place where children could feel loved, nurtured and valued while growing physically, socially, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. Today, 36 years later, the Preschool continues to fulfill that mission of our church. This isn't just any preschool, this is your preschool and we invite you to share in it.

What you should know about your preschool:

We offer classes for 2 1/2 to 5 year olds. Classes are offered on T/TH, MWF, M-F mornings and MWF afternoons. We have 95 children and their families taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the preschool. We have a highly qualified staff of teachers who all have their college degree in education combined with many years of teaching experience.

Enrollment for the 2012 Preschool year will begin for current preschool families, church members and children who attend Children's Day Out on March 1. Enrollment will open to the general public on March 26. If you'd like enrollment information, please contact robin@ehumc.org or call 682-0375.

### Ministry Need

#### Thursday Phone Volunteers

There is a need for phone volunteers in the church office on Thursdays. People are needed to help in the morning and the afternoon. It's easy to learn and training is provided. If you'd like to help, contact Kay Wilson at 682-6518.

## Looking Ahead ...

**February 27** - United Methodist Open Door has moved into its new building at 402 E. Second St. Everyone is invited to come see and celebrate their new facility that cares for those in need of clothing, shelter, food and other needs. An open house will be held Monday, Feb. 27, from 3-5:30 p.m.

**March 3:** UMW Prayer Breakfast, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Hedrick Hall

All East Heights women and guests are welcome!

Rev. Natalie Bryant, pastor at Greenwich and Potwin UM churches, will share about the need to return to basic Christian values in our families. She'll explore how we might just change the world by living by those values and thinking about the lives of those around us and what they are experiencing. Reservations are appreciated. Make reservations before noon on Wednesday, February 29, by calling the church office at 682-6518. Request childcare by e-mailing stacy@ehumc.org by Monday, February 27th.

**March 4:** Bishop Scott Jones will preach at our worship services on Sunday, March 4. He is an engaging preacher so be sure to attend. Jones, who has served as our bishop since 2004, will preach at all three services March 4 - 8:45 a.m. Chapel, 9:45 a.m. Spirit Alive and 11 a.m. Sanctuary.

### Ministry Celebration

A group of 16 gathered at the church on January 21 to continue our painting project. They painted the east hallway between the Sanctuary and the East Transept and the Dining Room. They had a great time making our church look brighter! Another paint day will be held in March. Watch the Tower and bulletins for details.

## Our Community

OUR CHRISTIAN PRAYERS OF SYMPATHY:

To **Marge Faris** and family on the death of her husband, **Robert Faris**, on January 31, 2012

To the family of **Jean Futo** on her death on February 3, 2012

### CELEBRATION:

**Bailey Lynn Norris**, born February 2, 2012. Parents are **Chris and Allison Norris**.

## Would You Like to Receive Daily E-Mail Devotions?

East Heights provides daily e-mail devotions that are grounded in God's word and written by members of the church staff and congregation. If you would like to be added to the list to receive these e-mail devotions or would be willing to write a devotional to share with others, contact Beth Strickler at 682-6518 or beth@ehumc.org.

These devotions can help you have a closer walk with God and provide spiritual encouragement and direction to give you the strength and peace you need to face each day in God's kingdom on earth

**Deadline for March 2 Tower is noon, Tuesday, Feb. 21.**

### UMW Special Recognition Award

Anne Mayle has received the 2011 United Methodist Women Special Mission Recognition Award for her many years of service to East Heights and the United Methodist Women.

Anne is an active member of Charity Circle and has participated in all of their activities, including serving at the Open Door Drop In Center, sorting clothes at the Klothes Klotset, making scarves for the homeless, putting together hygiene kits for battered women, making prayer blankets, and helping to stuff stockings for toddlers at the Downtown Daycare Center. Anne also helps in the kitchen at Bereavement Lunches, always arriving and leaving with a smile.

She has served as Publicity Chairman on the UMW Board for the past five years, and the Gather 'Round the Table committee for three years. She also has served on the UMW Finance Committee for the past several years. As one member commented "Anne is a support beam – there to hold you up, but doesn't want anyone to notice and bring attention".

### Staff Changes at East Heights

We welcome **Bonnie Luther**, our new Nursery Director. Bonnie, a member since 1990, worked in the nursery when she was in high school. She has a Bachelor's degree in Sociology and graduated from KU in 2002 as a Licensed Masters Level Social Worker. While in Lawrence, Bonnie worked for Lawrence Public Schools and was Nursery Coordinator at Central UMC. She's excited to be reunited with the congregation at East Heights.

We're also pleased to announce that **JoAnn Henry** and **Stacy Trapp** will be our wedding coordinators. JoAnn is also the administrative assistant to our Senior Pastor and the Business Administrator. She and her husband, Don, are members of Countryside Christian Church. Stacy, director of our Children's Day Out Program, will continue in that role. She and her husband, Andrew, are members of East Heights and have 2 children. JoAnn and Stacy look forward to helping couples plan this special event. in our their lives

If you scheduled a wedding earlier, please contact JoAnn at 682-6518 to confirm details. Our wedding policy/procedure manual is being revised and will be back on our website soon.

## Check Out What's Going in Youth Ministries

### Sunday Youth Ministries

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for ALL YOUTH meets in the Youth Center
- 5 p.m. Snack Supper
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF (Youth Group for ALL YOUTH)
  - February 19 - No UMYF
  - February 26 - ReFocus
  - March 4 - No UMYF

### Wednesday Youth Ministries

- Youth Praise Band Rehearsal at 5 p.m. in Room #35
- Young Spirit Youth Choir (7th-12th grade) at 6 p.m. in Room #33
- Trinity (6th Grade Worship Arts Team) at 6 p.m. in Room #34
- Youth Worship at 7:05 p.m. in Room #35
- Small Groups at 7:15 p.m.
  - 6th and 7th Grade in Hedrick Hall
  - Freshmen in Room #39
  - Juniors in Room #32
  - Confirmation in Room #35
  - Sophomores in Room #34
  - Seniors in the Undercroft Kitchen

**Wednesday, February 22** - All Youth Small Groups will attend the Ash Wednesday Worship together at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**30 Hour Famine** is February 24-25. All youth (6th-12th grade) are invited to join us for an amazing weekend of experiencing hunger and learning how we can make a difference! You may sign-up on Paige's Office Door in the Program Office, pick-up your survival guide and start collecting money. Go hungry so others won't!

**Upcoming Ministries:** *Pancake Breakfast* is February 26; *Spring Break Events* are March 19-23; *High School Lock In* is March 30-31; *Easter Sunrise Service* is April 8; *Confirmation Rally* is April 13-14; *Mountain Top Training* is April 22. *Confirmation Retreat* is March 9-11 for all Confirmation Youth and their Friends-in-Faith Registration forms are due March 4.

Check out your YOUth and Christ Newsletter, e-mails, facebook, worship bulletins and website for more information about all of our amazing YOUTH MINISTRIES.



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## Memorial Gifts Honor Loved Ones

Do you know about our Memorials and the wonderful gifts they provide for East Heights?

A memorial is a way to remember a loved one who has died. It is set up by their family and people are invited to donate to the memorial in honor of the person who has died. East Heights has a long history of memorials and special gifts, said Nina Gunter, who chairs the Memorial Committee that works with families to decide how the memorial funds will be spent. Memorials allow East Heights to purchase things beyond the budget, she said, listing gifts such as musical equipment for



**Rainbow Choir and Heart and Soul singers show off the choir robes that were gifts from the Janice Hanna, Robert and Beth O'Hara, John Pearson and Ray and Brigitta J. Wallis memorials**

the Preschool playground, Bibles for new members, TVs and robes for our children's choirs.

If you'd like to know more about Memorials, contact one of our pastors.

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## Scholarships Available From Endowment Fund

Future and current college and seminary students are invited to apply for scholarships through our Endowment Fund.

The Endowment Fund is made possible because of Estate Planning and gifts that have generously been given over the years. It is designed to be a perpetual fund with grants being made from the income from the investments. Endowment also has funded TV's for our classrooms, new chairs, as well as GraceMed Health Clinic's expansion.

If you'd like to apply for a scholarship, please contact Sondra Morgan in the church Business Office at 682-6518 for guidelines and an application. Deadline to apply is March 15.

If you'd like to know more about the Fund, would like to include East Heights in your Estate Planning or would like to make a donation, contact Rev. Craig Hauschild at 682-6518 or Paul Moore at 691-8106.