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# REFLECTOR

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## NEWS FROM THE PASTOR

Reading glasses are a part of life, well my life at any rate, after I turned 50ish. I usually wear my glasses on top of my head so they are mostly a fashion statement, but in truth, I can't see my hand in front of my face. I can see a fly on the wall across the room, but not on the page in front of me. So, this week has been a little frustrating as I've broken 3 pairs of glasses so far and it is only Tuesday!! My real reading glasses, the ones that the optometrist prescribed for me, well, let's just say that after one steps on them it is hard to see through them.

For Sunday morning, I found a pair of "readers" I keep in my desk for the moments I can't find my "real" glasses. Those are the ones I brought with me to Church last Sunday. I was getting ready to go up to the sanctuary for worship, when – I dropped them and the frame broke. Thank goodness Karese has a stock of readers on her desk, one of which I quickly commandeered for the cause.

On Monday morning, I stopped at the drug store on my way to my office in Indianapolis and got a new pair of readers. A few minutes ago, (really this is true!!), I picked them up and shaft broke off in my hand. At last count that is 3 pairs since Saturday. Karese loaned me a pair so I could write this article.

Yes, there is a point I want to make here – really! Sometimes, as hard as we try, we can't seem to see what is going on in front of us, what God is doing or where we are called to understand. It's not because we don't want to, or are out of God's will, it's just that our lens is not available. It is at those moments that we truly need one another. Faith is a team effort. God has given us as a gift to each other that we might see God's hand in our lives. You might say that we are a lens of faith.

## UNITED METHODIS MEN MEET

The United Methodist Men of Alexandria 1st Church will host their monthly meeting on Sunday February 6, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement fellowship hall. A Full breakfast will be served by Ray Grimball. Vice President, George Smith, announced that Pastor Jean Brindel will be our guest speaker. This is a great opportunity for our men and guests to get more acquainted with our new pastor. The Men's meeting is open to members and non-members seeking the fellowship of men of faith. There's always room for one more. MOTTO: "Each One - Reach One".

## GENEROUS HOLIDAY GIVING

Thank you so much for caring about local families in need this Holiday season! Due to your generous hearts, 136 children had gifts to open this Christmas.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. Without your help, it would have been impossible to provide these children with gifts this holiday season.

Thank you all so much for helping buy items for a needy family this Christmas. The family you "adopted" is very thankful as well. God bless each one of you!

*- Adrienne Wise- A.M.E.S. Social Worker*

## CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN

This will be a class for youth who are thinking about joining the church. It will be on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30, in room 9, next to the office.

Classes will begin on February 20<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>, with the youth being received into membership on Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school are invited to attend.

## COTTAGE MEETINGS... COMING TO A FRIEND'S HOME NEAR YOU.

Cottage meeting are coming to Alex 1<sup>st</sup>. During the month of March, there will be five cottage meetings hosted by members of the congregation. The purpose of the meeting is to have the opportunity to meet Rev. Jean Brindel, our new pastor. Leave your check books and your calendars at home; the only agenda is fellowship and conversation. Over the next few weeks, each member of the congregation will be receiving an invitation to a cottage meeting. If you have not received an invitation by February 15th, please call the church office so that you will be included. Thank you to Deanne Beard for chairing the Cottage meeting team.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Condolences: To Teena Bowers and family upon the loss of Jack Bowers; to Eleanor Wilson and family upon the loss of David Wilson; to Kim Terry & family upon the recent loss of Gib Bridwell

Ongoing Requests: Emily Owens, Dan Campbell (brother of Irene Campbell), Amy Hines (granddaughter of Barbara Mumaw has lupus), Brent Bridwell

Battling Cancer: Heather Beardsley (friend of Vickie Griffin), Marvin Davis, JoAnne Thomas

Shut-ins: Irene Campbell (Summitville Convalescent Center), Gib Bridwell (Bethany Point)

Service Personnel: Pray for peace, pray for military personnel

♥ To all who sent cards, offered prayers and gave thanks, I thank you. I am no longer able to live alone and am living at Summit Convalescent center. I don't drive or have a car. I would welcome guests and friends and have good memories of the years spent with all of you and I hope to be back. Thank you all - *from Irene Campbell.*

♥ The family of David Wilson would like to express our gratitude for the lovely church and greenery arrangement. Also for all your prayers, cards and love. You all meant so much to Dave. - *Eleanor Wilson*

# February 2011

## Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

## Sunday Worship

11:00 a.m.

## Birthdays!!

- 4 Makenzie Sayre
- 20 Fred Starr
- 21 Martin Koob
- 25 Jim Sigler

## Anniversaries!!

- 1 Jack & Betty Follis

## Plan ahead:

For your calendar events to be included in the next newsletter, turn them in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2 Congregational Care Committee 9:00 am  Band Practice 5:00 pm	3 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	4 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm	5
6 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	7	8 Nominations Committee 2:00 pm	9 Band Practice 5:00 pm	10 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	11 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm	12
13 Staff-Parish Committee after the church service	14 ♥ Valentines Day	15	16 Band Practice 5:00 pm	17 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	18 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm	19
20 Confirmation Classes begin 9:30 am	21	22	23 Band Practice 5:00 pm	24 Choir Practice 6:00 pm	25 Alcoholics Anonymous 8:00 pm	26
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