

# *The Connection Update*

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Country Club  
United Methodist Church  
Mid-February, 2012

## **Help Keep Cash Flowing**

Snow birds, travelers and busy families may find it convenient to make your church tithes and pledges by the use of ETF – electronic transfer of funds. This safe, easy method also helps the church with cash flow. Ted Kapke says “Forms to participate are available in the office and will be distributed during worship at the end of the month.” Please give prayerful consideration to this way of helping the church budget – and your household as well.

## **Celebrate Shrove Sunday**

**This Sun. evening, Feb. 19**, at 6:30 pm will be a new version of “Mardi Gras” at CCUMC – Drama & Dessert. Bring your family and your favorite dessert to the church. See Breath of Christ Ministries tell the story of the loaves and fishes. Enjoy fellowship and fun the last Sunday before Lent begins. There will be a “love offering” as well as an auction of desserts to help the Youth Ministry. Contact the office at 816-444-1616 or e-mail the church if you plan to attend.

## **Honor President’s Day**

The church office will be closed **Mon., Feb. 20**. Except for this date, the church office is open Monday thru Thursday from 8:30 am – 1:00 p.m. (closed on Fridays and on Sunday mornings.)

## **Ash Wednesday Marks Lenten Season**

**Wed., Feb 22**, is the start of Lent, the first of seven weeks before Easter. A 12-hour prayer vigil will be held in the Chapel from 7 am to 7 pm that Wednesday, followed by worship in the Sanctuary. Included in the 7 pm service will be the imposition of ashes, marking a visible sign of penitence on the foreheads of believers; it is an ancient act that has been part of Methodism for decades. All are invited to attend this meaningful worship experience. A nursery will be provided for the evening service.

## **Steppingstones Meet to Eat**

A Chili Supper will be held **Fri., Feb 24**, at 7 pm at the Kleins, 425 Westover Road. Let Terra Snyder know if you plan to attend.

## **Knitters and Quilters Meet**

**Sat., Feb. 25**, from 10:00-12 noon in the Library, those who crochet, knit and/or quilt are invited to meet for handiwork and fellowship in the church library. Call Carolyn Rawls or Ann Vernon if you need transportation. Participants create hand-made Prayer Shawls and lap robes; this ministry provides warm, loving comfort to shut-ins.

## **Circle of Friends**

All women of the church are invited to attend this monthly potluck supper. The **Tues., Mar. 6**, meeting will be at the home of Janet Monsees at 6:30 pm. Call or e-mail Jan Ahern at [tahern@kc.rr.com](mailto:tahern@kc.rr.com), if you plan to attend and/or need directions.

### **Find Financial Peace**

**Tues. evening, Mar. 6.** at 6:30 pm Rachel Ramsey Cruze will speak on “Achieving Debt-free Living.” If you need to learn how to budget your money, intentionally save and/or give more faithfully, this lecture is for you. Pre-register at [www.countryclubumc.org](http://www.countryclubumc.org) on the “Upcoming Events” link (it’s free if you register by Feb. 29), call 816-444-1616, or pay \$5 at the door. Childcare is also limited; please specify your needs on the on-line registration form.

### **Worship Themes for February**

**Sun., Feb. 19** – “Love Reaps What It Sows.” Read Luke 8:1-15.

**Sun., Feb. 26 thru April 1** – “The Blessings of the Cross”

### **Methodism 101 Continues**

The class will not meet Sun., Feb. 19, but will **resume Sun., Feb. 26** and conclude **Sun., Mar. 4**. This introduction to the Methodist faith meets in the church library from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

### **Help Us Plan Our 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Starting in the summer of 2013 and continuing for 12 months, our church will celebrate the faith that has made our congregation what it has been for the past century -- and look to the future of possibilities. How would you like to commemorate this birthday?

Please send your ideas for celebration and remembrance to the website, [www.countryclubumc.org](http://www.countryclubumc.org) on the “Contact Us” page, or put your suggestions in the Family Foyer suggestion box. And be thinking, on a more personal level, what brought you to this church? What keeps you coming back? What are your faith experiences at Country Club UMC?

### **Blood Drive Was A Success**

Congratulations come to us from the Community Blood Center: among the twelve who gave blood on Jan. 29 were eight first-time donors. Thank you to all who participated in this worthwhile, life-saving event.

### **Be a Coffee Angel**

A volunteer is needed to get to church a little early (9 am) before Sunday School and put the coffee on. Are you willing? Tell Laura or Jenn in the church office. It would be a blessing to so many ...

### **Children’s Choir meets ...**

... Sunday morning with Jacob and Laura Lowry at 9:30 on the third floor. Kids will learn new songs, study about the value of music in worship, and have fun as well. Sunday School follows at 9:45. Let the little children come! Questions? E-mail Jacob at [jacobalanlowry@gmail.com](mailto:jacobalanlowry@gmail.com).

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