

Trinity Lane

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The Newsletter of Round Hill United Methodist Church

C At Round Hill,
Christ
is taught, preached, and lived.

R We accept the
Responsibility
to witness to others

O with
Open
hearts, minds and doors.

S We
Support the Church
through our prayers, presence,
gifts and service

S as we
Share Christ
through loving fellowship.

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FROM THE



PASTOR

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, I was given some wise advice from a wonderful Christian woman whose days were drawing to a close. She said, "Sometimes you just have to turn it off." She was referring to the television to which many of us were "glued" following the events of that fateful day. Once again, the television is rich with stories of devastation, pain, and suffering. We scratch our heads and wonder about the nature of God and the human condition. Caution: There is an accumulative and debilitating effect that comes from constant bombardment of bad news. Couple that with shorter days and a still struggling economy and you've got the ingredients for a spiritual crisis that if left unchecked can lead us down the road to despair. I, like you, have more questions than answers. If we search the scriptures, we will find a story of such magnitude that it might be helpful to describe it here. It is the story of Job and from the website, sermons.com, is the following synopsis:

Job is a righteous man-greater than all others. A hedge, a barrier, is set around him, his family, and his business. Suddenly, without warning, and for no reason other than his being blameless and upright, his family and business is wiped out. In the middle of the business of everyday life two rogue groups conduct a raid taking away Job's livestock and putting his servants to the sword. Then his family is lost in a freak accident when a mighty wind sweeps in from the desert, strikes the four corners of the house, collapses it, and all are lost. It was swift. It was unwarranted. It was unconscionable.

So what do we do in tragedy? We do what Job did when he learned of his loss. We mourn.

He was silent when he received the first two reports that his business and livestock had been wiped out. But when he received the news that his children were lost... He got up and tore his robe. Then, he fell on his knees and mourned: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will return." In other words, everything that had meaning in his life was gone. As he came into this world so Job felt he was leaving it: Barren.

The story of Job is hard to read because God never really gives answers to Job's questions and we, too, are left scratching our heads. What we do discover is that God is God and we are not. We will not always know why bad things happen to good people. But through faith, we do know that God can and does respond to human pain and suffering. In the end of Job's story, Job is restored and receives from God even greater blessings than he had known before. In the end of our story, we, too, will be recipients of God's blessing.

Likewise as Christians, we are already recipients of God's blessing. God came to us in our brokenness in the form of a human being. Jesus stood with us in our suffering and gave himself as a sacrifice so that we would never die. It is the living Body of Christ who will come to the people of Haiti and, yes, you are that Body. *But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. - 1 Corinthians 15:57*


The old lady was right. "Sometimes you just have to turn it off" and open your Bible.

See you in church, Pastor Jay

Where has the GREEN SHEET gone?

All youth dates formerly on the green sheet will continue to be on the calendar in the newsletter. The GREEN SHEET, with Brittany Culp as the editor, has changed to more of a "for youth by youth" style. Youth and their parents can look for separate copies in their mailboxes soon. If you would like to receive the GREEN SHEET in its new form, simply let Jed know. Hard copies will be at the youth info center and it will also be posted on the church website.

Jed Markwood, Director of Youth



WORSHIP SERVICE
Imposition Of Ashes
ASH WEDNESDAY
February 17, at 7:00 p.m.

YOURS ARE THE HANDS OF CHRIST
Lenten Bible Study
Wednesday Evenings
February 17 from 6:30—7:00 p.m.
February 24—March 31
from 6:30—8:00 p.m.



If you have a joy, sorrow or special concern, we would like to pray for you.

Prayer Chain Coordinators:
Betty Webber at 667-4624
Nancy Kern at 662-5313

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Saturday, February 20
7:00—11:00 a.m.

Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Gravy, Coffee, and Juice. Free will offering. Proceeds will support the **United Methodist Men's** missions.

YOUTH SOUPER BOWL COLLECTION
Sunday, February 7

On this Sunday, the youth are collecting cans of soup to help feed the hungry. Please help if you *can*.
Jed Markwood, Director of Youth

CHILI COOK-OFF
Wednesday, February 10
5:30—6:30 p.m.

Families can sign up to come and you can enter a chili in the contest on the form in the back of the Sanctuary.
Jed Markwood, Director of Youth

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Education 6:30 PM	2 Choir 7 PM	3 Marriage Course 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM	4 Women's Bible Study 6 PM YAM <i>CrossLink</i> 7 PM	5 HS Breakfast Club 6:15 AM	6 District Youth Retreat Fri—Sun
7 Youth Souper Bowl Collection	8 Church Council 6:30 PM	9 Choir 7 PM	10 Chili Cook-Off 5:30 PM Marriage Course 7 PM Youth Bible Study 7 PM	11 Golden Shepherds 11 AM-3 PM Women's Bible Study 6 PM YAM <i>Diner's Club</i> 7 PM	12 HS Breakfast Club 6:15 AM	13
14 <i>Mission Moment</i> <i>Sight and Sound Trip</i> <i>Balance Due Today</i>	15 SPRC 6:30 PM Witness 6:30 PM	16 Finance 6 PM Choir 7 PM	17 Lenten Study 6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service Imposition Of Ashes 7 PM	18 YAM <i>Movie Night</i> 7-9 PM	19 HS Breakfast Club 6:15 AM	20 UMM Pancake Breakfast 7-11 AM
21 First Sunday In Lent <i>Education Spotlight</i> Confirmation Class 4 PM Youth 5-7 PM	22 Youth Ministries 6:30 PM	23 Choir 7 PM	24 Lenten Study 6:30 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM	25 Bible Study 6:30 PM YAM <i>Game Night</i> 7-9 PM	26 HS Breakfast Club 6:15 AM	27
28 Blood Pressure Checks Donut Social 9:30-9:50 AM Confirmation Class 4 PM Youth 5-7 PM	<p>Inclement Weather</p> <p>For delays and cancellations information: Tune radio to WINC 92.5 FM Check the website at roundhillworship.com Call Pastor Jay at 667-3109</p>					

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Sunday Worship Service
Non-traditional 8:30 a.m.
Traditional 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Office Hours: M-W-F
9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

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