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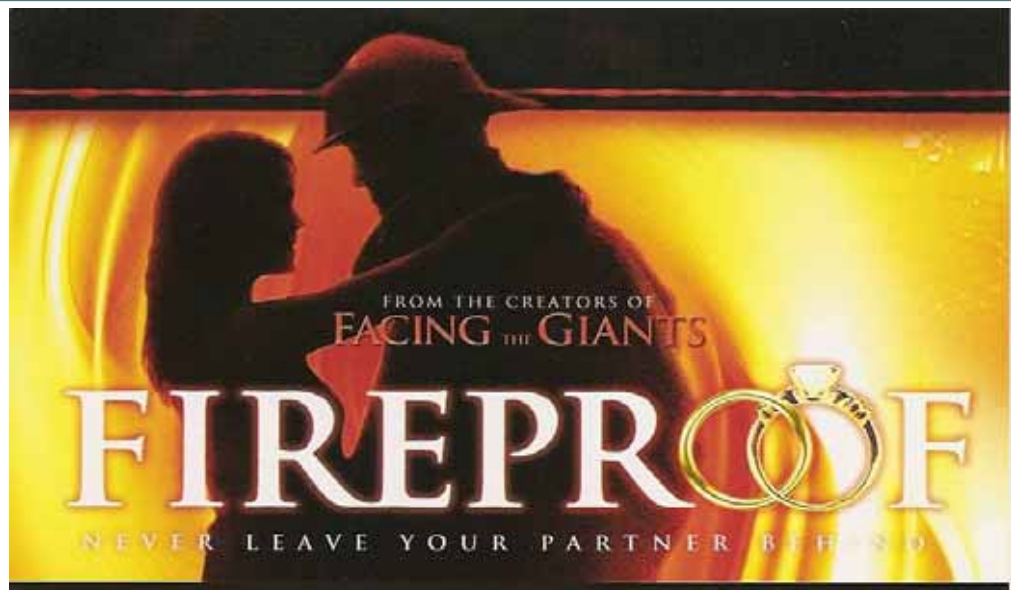
Our Mission:

Tuskawilla UMC is committed to providing a place to **BELONG**; to a community of faith, a place to **GROW** in that faith and a place to **SERVE** the faith.

Our Vision:

A place to **BELONG**, **GROW** and **Serve**.
There's a place for **YOU!**

FIREPROOF IS COMING TO TUMC ON FEBRUARY 14 @ 7pm



In theaters nationwide, FIREPROOF touched the hearts and impacted the marriages of millions of moviegoers.

WHAT STARTED AS A MOVIE HAS BECOME AN ONGOING MOVEMENT:

A BLOCKBUSTER FILM...
A BEST-SELLING DAILY MARRIAGE BUILDER...
SMALL GROUP AND COUPLES' STUDIES...
AND MANY OTHER RESOURCES TO HELP BUILD STRONGER MARRIAGES.

At work, inside burning buildings, Capt. Caleb Holt lives by the old firefighter's adage: Never Leave Your Partner Behind. At home, in the cooling embers of his marriage, he lives by his own rules. His job is to rescue others. Now Caleb must face his toughest job ever... rescuing his wife's heart.



FOR GENERAL INFORMATION VISIT:

FIREPROOFTHEMOVIE.COM FIREPROOFMYMARRIAGE.COM

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FIREPROOF - The Healthy Marriage Series

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You are invited to the showing of the movie - Fireproof - on Saturday, February 14 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Lennie & Paula Burke are the primary hosts for this exciting movie and the Bible Study series that will follow. Three studies are planned through mid 2010.

The aim of this series is to help married couples establish or strengthen their Christian marriage; strengthen the bond between members of the congregation and serve members of our community who will be invited to join us.

An interesting concept is planned to invite, encourage and cultivate leaders of small groups within the church.

As persons step up to lead, they will be provided with the training and necessary tools. Studies may be held at the homes of participants which might help to accommodate those persons who do not attend our church. Others may be held at the church to allow for child care services.

The cost of the study guide and accompanying workbook is \$15.00 per couple.

Make plans to attend the showing of the movie and hear more of the follow up plans.

For more information you may contact, Lennie or Paula Burke at 407-699-7187 or at Healthcare - Resources @cfl.rr.com (*for this ONLY*)

We've changed our name!

Our name has been changed to better meet the needs of our friends at TUMC.

Super Seniors is now called 50+ !

Everyone fifty and over, please join us for food, fun and fellowship on the first Thursday of each month. We invite you to bring your favorite dish and come to the Fellowship Hall at noon. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, February 5, 2009. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you have questions about this vibrant group, please contact Larry or Judy Van Ore at 407-695-73602.

Stewardship!

UPCOMING SERMONS: by Rev. Dwayne Craig

February 8 - Luke 18: 1 - 8

“Don't Stop”

February 15 - Matthew 8: 1 - 4

“Dead Man Walking”

February 22 - Matthew 17: 1 - 9

“Do You Listen to Jesus?”

March 1 - Exodus 17: 1 - 7

“No Water in the Wilderness”

March 8 - Ezekiel 37: 1 - 14

“God Works in the Valley”

March 15 - John 14: 1 - 3

“The Promises of Jesus”

March 22 - Genesis 3: 1 - 7

“There's a Snake In The Garden”

March 29 - Luke 17: 11 - 19

“Wrong Person Doing the Right Thing”

A Theology of Discipleship:

What is Theology?

Theology is not just about God. It is also about us. We live out of our understanding of who we are in relationship to God, to one another, and to the world. The Christian faith is grounded in the love and grace of God, experienced through Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Christian life is our response to God's love and grace. The church calls our response to God Christian discipleship. Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus. As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world. Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families, workplaces, communities, and the world.

Loving God: When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, his response was: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment" (Matt. 22:37-38. See Matt. 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34; and Luke 10:25-28.) Discipleship is about loving God....It is more than an acknowledgement of God's existence or a statement of belief regarding God. It is total devotion, head-over-heals-in-love-with adoration. It is the deep desire to know God, to be one with God, and to worship God.

There are a variety of ways that we can develop our knowledge of and love of God. These include: Prayer; Bible study; Worship; Fasting and Conversation with other Christians. John Wesley, our UMC founder, called these practices means of grace. They are means for developing our relationship with God and for experiencing God's presence in our lives. These practices help us spend time with God, a significant factor in loving God.

Loving Neighbor:

Jesus responded to questions about the most important commandment by quoting the Hebrew Scripture's admonition to love God with our whole being. (See Deut. 6:4-9 as well as gospel passages listed in the above section.) Then immediately he broadened the meaning of this admonition: "The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Mark 2:31).

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These verses about loving God and loving neighbor as ourselves are known as the Great Commandment. Again and again, the Bible teaches us that loving God and loving neighbor are two sides of the same coin. We cannot do one without the other. Loving our neighbors means responding to specific needs—hunger, illness, imprisonment, loneliness, and so forth. Love is more than a feeling; it is behavior. It is practical and concrete. Our neighbors include many people. Within the context of the Christian community, our neighbors are our brothers and sisters in Christ. Neighbors may also refer to the contemporary understanding of those who live near us. However, from a biblical perspective, neighbors often include people whom we might not normally consider: strangers; prisoners; people who mistreat us (who are our enemies); people from other cultural and ethnic backgrounds; people from different religious traditions; people who irritate us and push the boundaries of our patience. Therefore, loving our neighbors requires attention and sacrifice. We have to pay attention to what is happening around us in order to see our neighbors and to recognize their needs. We must also consider their needs to be as important as our own in order to live faithfully. Loving neighbor is more than random acts of kindness. It takes time, energy, and commitment. It is a lifestyle carefully cultivated in response to God.

Used from [What Every Teacher Needs to Know About Theology](#) (Discipleship Resources, 2002), pp. 35-38

ABOUT OUR CHILDREN!

Happening IN FEBRUARY



Summer Program Planning will be held on Wednesday, February 4, at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All those wishing to participate in the planning of Summer Events for the of TUMC& the surrounding area, please come with excitement and ideas!!

Acolyte Training – Sunday, February 8, 4:15pm in the Sanctuary. Acolyte training is available for children and youth in grades 2-12. All Acolytes are required to serve once a month at either the 8:30 or 11:00 service.



Evangelism Day Kid Care – February 14, 10:30am-12:30pm This ministry is provided for families who will be participating in the church-wide Evangelism Day. **RSVP REQUIRED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 9.**



CLUB JAM (4th & 5th Graders) – Sunday, February 22, 4:00-5:30pm, in Room 28, \$3.00/child for dinner Club JAM is a Bible Study Group that will focus on the varying topics relevant to today’s preteens. Each month the kids will focus on a topic of interest and discover what God has to say about it, focus on outreach and mission opportunities, and participate in games and team building activities, and dinner. Kids are encouraged to bring their Bible and their friends!



LOOKING AHEAD TO

Congo River Golf – Family Fun Day

March 29 at 1:00pm in Altamonte Springs

Cost: \$8.25/person



Monies DUE: March 15.

Please contact Kelli O’Reilly, Children’s Director if you are interested in serving in this ministry. Many opportunities to serve our children are available. Most are short term duties and you will be trained in the are a of your choice. The blessings are boundless when you look after our little ones.

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**News from our Preschool (ECWP)**

Susan Bertone, Director

Early Childhood Weekday Programs 2009/2010 Registration for currently enrolled ECWP families and active TUMC members will begin Monday February 9

Open) Registration will begin Monday February 23. Classes will be offered for children ages 2 years old (birth dates January 2007 - October 2007) through PreKindergarten ( 4 years old by September 1, 2009). ECWP is a Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) Provider for the Early Learning Coalition of Seminole County.

2009 - 2010 Tuition, fees and classes are available at the Preschool office and at [ecwp@tumcfl.com](mailto:ecwp@tumcfl.com). Please contact the Preschool office at (407) 699 -6012 for further information or to tour the Preschool. Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00am - 2:30pm. We at ECWP looking forward to meeting you and sharing our Preschool community with you.

## OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

### Choctaw Youth Visit in March

Last summer our high school mission team verbalized their concern that although we told the Choctaw youth that they were a part of our team, we did all of the planning for Vacation Bible School (VBS) between March and July, and just gave them “orders to follow” when we arrived at the mission.

It was their desire to invite the Choctaw youth to Florida this year with the goal of us planning VBS together as a real team!

Because of Tuskawilla’s commitment to serving “the least of these” for the past 12 years, we have been able to glimpse transformational moments in the lives of the children whom we’ve served – including the hiring of the first part-time youth director from among our students!

The youth office is currently in contact with the adult leaders of their church (John Memorial UMC) to finalize plans for their visit, March 14-20. We plan to invite 18 youth who either served in leadership positions in July or exemplified leadership qualities.

We will need assistance from our church family to provide the needed meals, housing, transportation, chaperones, and funding. Contact Kathy Rexroad in the youth office or at [youth@tuncfl.org](mailto:youth@tuncfl.org) to volunteer.

### Summer Mission Trips Planning Begins

A mandatory mission team(s) meeting will be held on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the youth room. Anyone considering participation in one of the youth summer mission trips and their parents should attend this orientation meeting.

In order to participate in the Choctaw mission planning with the Choctaw youth during the week of March 14-20, high school students MUST make a decision to be a part of the team by March 4, 2009.

The dates for this summer’s mission trips are as follows:

**TEAMeffort Mission** (rising sixth graders through rising ninth graders; high school leaders)

**June 14- 20, 2009;**

**Choctaw Mission** (rising ninth graders through rising college freshmen)

**July 3 - 12, 2009.**

Mission trip cost and plans, qualifications for mission team participants, fundraising information and mission team applications will be available. Bring your calendar and your questions!

## ANNIVERSARIES - 2009

### January

### February

|                         |      |                         |      |
|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| Rick & Brenda Brown     | 1/2  | Ronald & Marie Zitza    | 2/14 |
| Jae & Jennifer Kim      | 1/7  | Bill & Gloria Duncan    | 2/17 |
| Alan & Mindy Moretz     | 1/10 | Murray & Sonia Hamilton | 2/17 |
| David & Katherine Giard | 1/20 | Vernal & Enid Elcock    | 2/18 |
| Bill & Carole Jones     | 1/21 | Bob & Judy Walker       | 2/22 |
| Ray & Pat Martin        | 1/25 |                         |      |
| Keith & Melissa Bailey  | 1/27 |                         |      |
| Mike & Janet LaFata     | 1/30 |                         |      |

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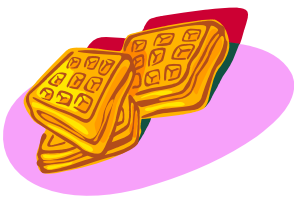
### ECWP FAMILY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday February 7

9:00 am - 10:30 am

Fellowship Hall

**COST: \$3.00 per person**




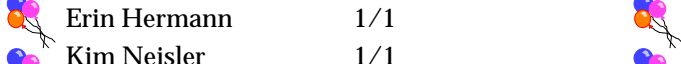
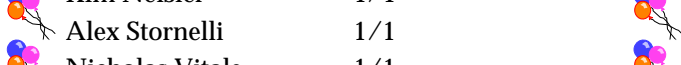
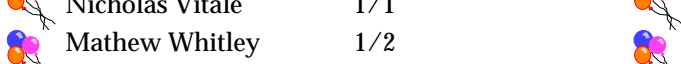
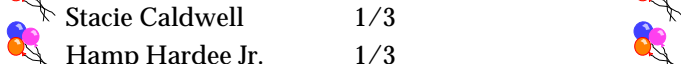
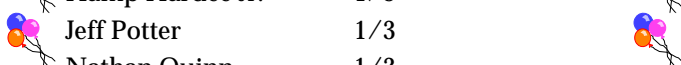
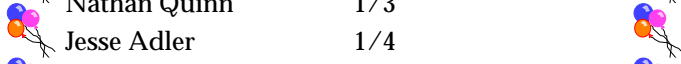
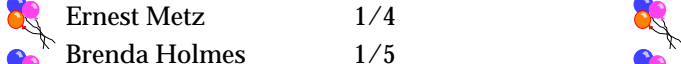
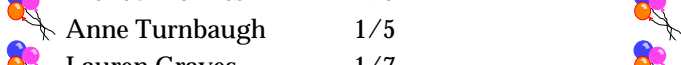
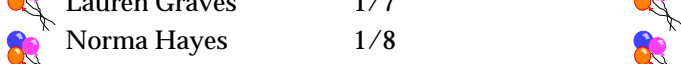
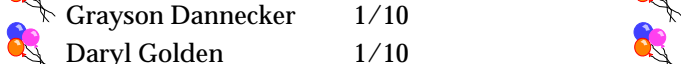
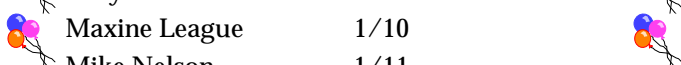
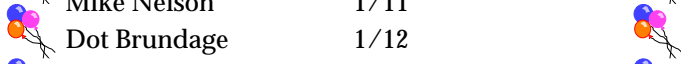
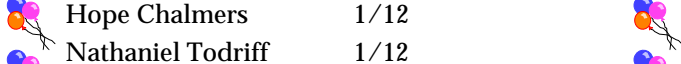
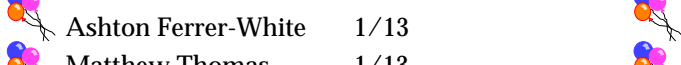
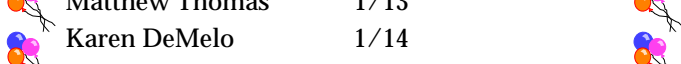
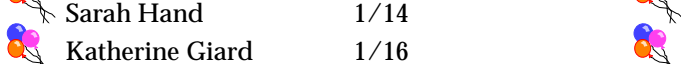
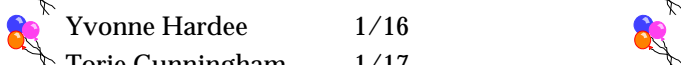
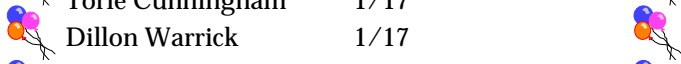
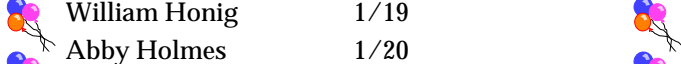
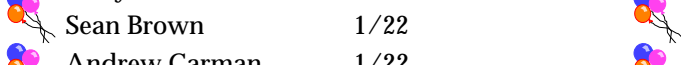
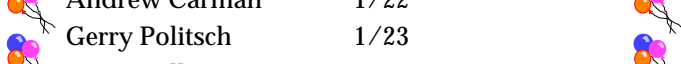
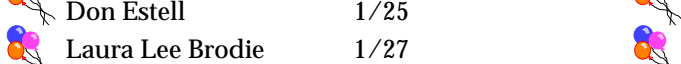
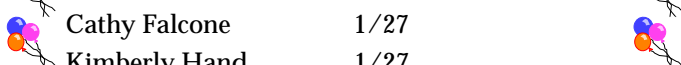
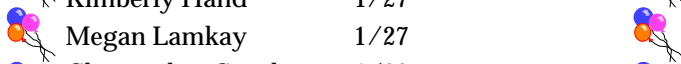
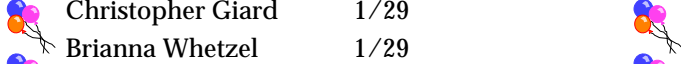
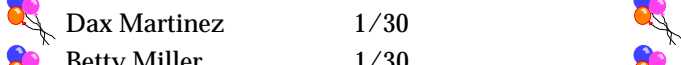
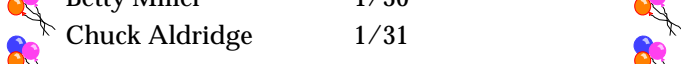



*Breakfast food - Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Drinks*















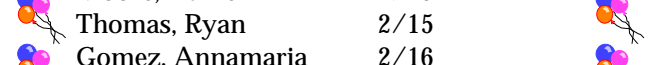
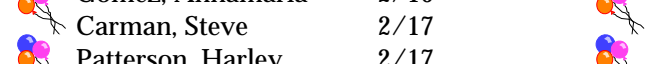











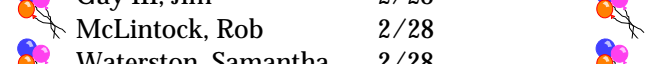


Family Crafts & Songs of Friendship and Love

Contact the Preschool Office at (407) 699 - 6012 or [ecwp@tumcfl.com](mailto:ecwp@tumcfl.com)

for information or registration.

# BIRTHDAYS - January & February, 2009

|                                                                                    |                     |      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------|
|    | Erin Hermann        | 1/1  |
|    | Kim Neisler         | 1/1  |
|    | Alex Stornelli      | 1/1  |
|    | Nicholas Vitale     | 1/1  |
|    | Mathew Whitley      | 1/2  |
|    | Stacie Caldwell     | 1/3  |
|    | Hamp Hardee Jr.     | 1/3  |
|    | Jeff Potter         | 1/3  |
|    | Nathan Quinn        | 1/3  |
|    | Jesse Adler         | 1/4  |
|    | Ernest Metz         | 1/4  |
|    | Brenda Holmes       | 1/5  |
|   | Anne Turnbaugh      | 1/5  |
|  | Lauren Graves       | 1/7  |
|  | Norma Hayes         | 1/8  |
|  | Grayson Dannecker   | 1/10 |
|  | Daryl Golden        | 1/10 |
|  | Maxine League       | 1/10 |
|  | Mike Nelson         | 1/11 |
|  | Dot Brundage        | 1/12 |
|  | Hope Chalmers       | 1/12 |
|  | Nathaniel Todriff   | 1/12 |
|  | Ashton Ferrer-White | 1/13 |
|  | Matthew Thomas      | 1/13 |
|  | Karen DeMelo        | 1/14 |
|  | Sarah Hand          | 1/14 |
|  | Katherine Giard     | 1/16 |
|  | Yvonne Hardee       | 1/16 |
|  | Torie Cunningham    | 1/17 |
|  | Dillon Warrick      | 1/17 |
|  | William Honig       | 1/19 |
|  | Abby Holmes         | 1/20 |
|  | Sean Brown          | 1/22 |
|  | Andrew Carman       | 1/22 |
|  | Gerry Politsch      | 1/23 |
|  | Don Estell          | 1/25 |
|  | Laura Lee Brodie    | 1/27 |
|  | Cathy Falcone       | 1/27 |
|  | Kimberly Hand       | 1/27 |
|  | Megan Lamkay        | 1/27 |
|  | Christopher Giard   | 1/29 |
|  | Brianna Whetzel     | 1/29 |
|  | Dax Martinez        | 1/30 |
|  | Betty Miller        | 1/30 |
|  | Chuck Aldridge      | 1/31 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------|
|    | Childs, Hillary      | 2/1  |
|    | Folsom, III, John    | 2/1  |
|    | Whitley, Sarah       | 2/1  |
|    | Causey, Carl         | 2/2  |
|    | Ray, Roy             | 2/2  |
|    | Hermann, Leigh       | 2/3  |
|    | Hicks, Connie        | 2/4  |
|    | Brick, J, James      | 2/6  |
|    | Ross, Julia          | 2/6  |
|    | Ford, Janie          | 2/7  |
|    | Mills, Jerry         | 2/7  |
|    | Lyons, Mike          | 2/8  |
|   | Peters, Cherie       | 2/8  |
|  | Brown, Brenda        | 2/9  |
|  | Russell, Justin      | 2/9  |
|  | Palmeira, Matthew    | 2/10 |
|  | Gorman, Deborah      | 2/11 |
|  | Healy, Chris         | 2/11 |
|  | Gonzalez, Anna       | 2/12 |
|  | McGuire, Frankie     | 2/12 |
|  | Martin, Pat          | 2/13 |
|  | Williams, Thomas     | 2/13 |
|  | Love, Sheryl         | 2/14 |
|  | Noble, Marie         | 2/14 |
|  | Moore, Daniel        | 2/15 |
|  | Thomas, Ryan         | 2/15 |
|  | Gomez, Annamaria     | 2/16 |
|  | Carman, Steve        | 2/17 |
|  | Patterson, Harley    | 2/17 |
|  | Aldridge, Marti      | 2/18 |
|  | Sturgess, Scott      | 2/18 |
|  | Whetzel, William     | 2/18 |
|  | Crowley, Peter       | 2/19 |
|  | Chalmers, James      | 2/20 |
|  | Paura, Tyler         | 2/20 |
|  | Pitts, John          | 2/20 |
|  | Cochran, Lois        | 2/23 |
|  | Lilly, Christopher   | 2/23 |
|  | Risley, Debby        | 2/23 |
|  | Davey, Tessie        | 2/24 |
|  | Allen, Lukas         | 2/25 |
|  | Bridgwater, Jennifer | 2/25 |
|  | Hughes, Kim          | 2/25 |
|  | Moore, Sarah         | 2/25 |
|  | Schindler, Linda     | 2/25 |
|  | Graham, Maggie       | 2/26 |
|  | Walter, Phyllis      | 2/26 |
|  | Gottschalk, Marla    | 2/27 |
|  | Neisler, Courtney    | 2/27 |
|  | Gay III, Jim         | 2/28 |
|  | McLintock, Rob       | 2/28 |
|  | Waterston, Samantha  | 2/28 |

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## Our Church Family

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*Trustee Board*

**Bill Jones**

*Finance Chair*

**Bill Gorman**

*Missions*

**Carol Ousnamer**

*Prayer Advocacy*

**Judith Hemmingway**

*United Methodist Women*

### EVANGELISM DAY

**Saturday, February 14 from  
10:30am to 12:30 pm.**

Join us as we go out into the community and share the Love of Christ with our friends and neighbors.

We would pass out informative flyers about TUMC as we invite those we meet to worship with us and to share in our church wide events.



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