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The Tower

Cahaba Heights UMC

February 2014

Letter from the Pastor

My plan had been to write a letter that outlined all the wonderful things that God had done for us at CHUM during the 2013 year. It is amazing how quickly that changed this past Tuesday.

Since moving to Alabama, James Spann has been the voice of authority where the weather is concerned. Last week I had listened with great disappointment when he continued to say that we were in for a light dusting. I was even a little jealous when my friends in Pensacola

were preparing for a snow storm.

How quickly all of that changed. I watched the light dusting turn into a sheet of ice that proved to make transportation impossible. What should have taken twenty minutes was now taking three hours. Parents frantic, drivers stuck and it was only getting worse.

Very simply the church rose up and did what it does best. We opened our doors to all that were tired and weary. We offered warmth and

comfort to those with nowhere to go. We simply shared the love of Christ and never sang a hymn, never passed the offering plate and never preached a sermon. Yet we probably had one of the greatest outpourings of Christian spirit that I gave seen in some time.

Let's pray that as we move forward in 2014 that we continue to do as we were taught. To always be a shelter in the storm. To be that light in the darkness and to provide sanctuary to those in need.

Rusty

CHUM Kids in UMC Concert

KFC (Kids for Christ) has begun practicing for a children's choir festival!

The Children's Choir Festival will be held on March 1, 2014 at Latham UMC.

In order to prepare for the concert, the KFC kids will be practicing

every Sunday night at 5:30 pm.

We are so excited that our kids are going to be participating in this event! We have such talented kids here and we know they will have a lot of fun singing with other UM kids.

If you'd like to hear the

CHUM kids sing, plan to be at Latham UMC on March 1. The church is located at 109 Weatherly Road SE, Huntsville, AL 35803. The concert will take place at 2:00 pm.

If your child would like to participate or if you have any questions, please see Ms. Jana or call the church office.

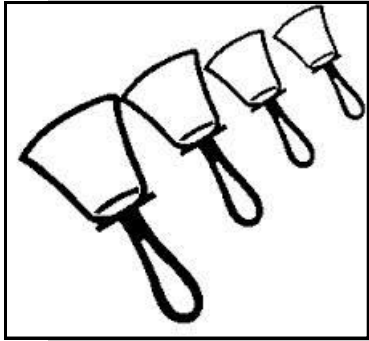
New Group: Handbells

Looking for a place to get involved and have fun? Come join our new handbell choir!

For now, rehearsals will be on Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 in the handbell/choir robing

room. Think you might be interested in playing but aren't quite sure? You are welcome to come to a rehearsal to observe and see if it's something you might be interested in doing!

Deb Scott, our handbell director, is a fun and experienced teacher. We hope you will join her on Thursday nights to have a good time with other church members and make some wonderful music for worship.



“Not, how much of my money will I give to God, but, how much of God’s money will I keep for myself?”

- John Wesley

Missions Update

Thank you!!!

During the season of Advent we had an outpouring of generosity here at CHUMC.

- 16 pairs of socks were donated to Church of the Reconciler through those who participated with our Advent Devotional Guides.
- CHUM took care of an entire Christmas for three different children at Cahaba Heights Elementary School.
- We funded and delivered three gift certificates to Winn Dixie to people in our neighborhood. See thank you note in next column.

Dear Friends at Cahaba Heights UMC:

Your thoughtful gift card to Winn Dixie warmed my heart this Christmastime—it will be especially helpful to me at this time because of my recent hospitalization. I will be reminded of your caring hearts & love for our Lord every time I see it! Thank you so much. Love in Christ,

Nancie Sutherland

Don't Forget!

The Men's Club will host our annual Valentine's luncheon on Sunday, February 23rd after worship. This is a lovely catered meal we can all enjoy together. The cost is \$10 per person. Please plan to stay after worship on the 23rd for good food and good company!

Dear CHUM Family,

Rick and I want to thank you for lifting us up in prayer following Rick's stroke and during his recovery. We have seen your prayers being answered as he grows stronger each day. Thank you for your continued prayer as he advances through the healing process. Your love and support mean so much to us.

Sincerely,

Rick and Jill Bolen



February Birthdays

- 2 June Wiggins
- 3 Richard Barrow,
Myra Grissom
Harper
- 5 Ginger Dismukes
- 11 Branscomb Beavers
- 12 Alan Dismukes
- 13 Faye Owens
- 14 Susan Maxey
- 15 Debbie Boyer
- 16 Justin Banks
- 20 Catherine Armstrong
- 26 Sue Fitzpatrick,
Savannah Busby,
Christina Crisson

FEBRUARY 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 am Sunday school 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Choir Practice No Kids' or Youth activities	3 Meals on Wheels (all week) 6:00 pm Trustees	4 7:00 am Men's Prayer Group	5 9:00 am Women's Prayer Group 5:30 pm Dinner 6:15 Youth/Kids/Young Adults	6 6:00 pm Missions Committee	7	8
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February Servants

Readers:

2: Bill White

9: Justin Banks

16: Susan Maxey

23: Micah Yoder

Hosts/Greeters:

2: Bill Maze, Bobby Williams

9: Freddie Huey, Mike Mizerany

16: Gerald Gann, Marla Monk

23: Mike Mizerany, Bill Maze

Change of Address:

Tim and Melanie Pollard

110 Woodland Village

Birmingham, AL 35216

C.H.U.M.S.

This month the Cahaba Heights United Methodist Seniors will have our outing on Tuesday, **February 18th**, at 10:30 am.

We will be going to Tuscaloosa to eat at the Cypress Inn Restaurant. We will be taking the church bus to Tuscaloosa, but if you would rather drive yourself you are welcome to do that. Please call the church office by Thursday, February 13th to let us know if you will join us and whether you will be riding the bus. We hope you can come enjoy some delicious food and pretty views in Tuscaloosa!

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