



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY!!!

Some people come into our lives and go quickly. Some stay awhile and leave footprints in our hearts, and we are never, ever the same! A child in Sunday School needs *YOU* to be the special person in his or her life and it doesn't matter who *YOU* are, man or woman. SSUMC needs *YOU* to teach our precious little ones. Even if you've never taught before; even if you say, my kids are all grown-up, I've served my time; even if you say I don't know how. God will equip you with all you need, and do you know who will be blessed—that's right, *YOU!* Come and take a look at what we do and see how *YOU* can serve. Miss Sandra is more than happy to guide you and answer all your questions. The need is immediate, so *YOU* call today! Mark 10:16 says, "And He took the children in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them." *YOU* can be those arms and hands. God bless *YOU!*



Easter Lily Sale

Easter Lilies are on sale now to adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning.

We will print an In Honor and In Memory booklet on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$12 each.

Please PRINT the following information and return this form no later than March 29.

In Honor Of _____

Given By _____

In Memory of _____

Given By _____

Contact Number (in case we have any questions)



**Sandy Springs News
March 2009**

United Methodist Pastor Appointments

Ministers in the Atlanta-Roswell District meet for a personal review each November with our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Ed Tomlinson. At my review November 12, I indicated that I was not going to ask for another year's appointment to Sandy Springs and further, that I planned to pursue work beyond the local church. After friendly efforts to dissuade me, Dr. Tomlinson accepted my decision while kindly saying, "The door to my office is wide open, if you change your mind."

Ministers throughout the North Georgia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church receive forms each December which ask the minister's preference for the next year's appointment, which runs from June to June. A similar form is sent to church Staff-Parish Relations Committees, asking them to indicate whether they want the minister to be appointed for another year. I announced my plan to work beyond the local church to our SPRC committee at the January meeting.

The Bishop announces the appointments at the end of annual conference each June. United Methodist ministers serve one year appointments, year after year. This year I am serving my fifth annual appointment to Sandy Springs.

What happens when a minister indicates that he or she is not returning for the following year? At our January SPRC meeting, a subcommittee was formed consisting of Maurice Richardson (SPRC Chair), Doug Martin (Church Council Chair), Kelley Dopson (Lay Leader) and Virginia McCahan (Lay Representative to Annual Conference). With input from others, they have discussed the key elements of leadership that they believe the church is looking for in the next minister for Sandy Springs. They met with Dr. Tomlinson, and had an informative and effective time of communicating the wants and needs of the church.

Between now and late April, the District Superintendents from the 12 districts of North Georgia, with the Bishop, will study the available ministers and the available appointments across the conference. There often will be additional consultations between the District Superintendent and SPRC representatives. Occasionally, the Bishop is consulted directly by church representatives. During the week of April 20th, the District Superintendents will meet with the Bishop at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, Georgia, to plan appointments. Calls from District Superintendents regarding these appointments will be made the following week to ministers, and to church SPRC committees. The new minister will meet with the SPRC committee in early May. Meanwhile, the appointment information is not to be made public until late May, in case the Bishop needs to make final appointment adjustments.

As the final item of business at annual conference, this year on Thursday, June 18, the Bishop will read the official appointments.

I anticipate that my last Sunday at Sandy Springs will be June 21st, with the new minister preaching his or her first sermon Sunday, June 28th.

These have been good years for our family, and good years of ministry with you. I look forward to the remaining time that God has in store for us, in these months together.

Sincerely,
Kelly

Sandy Springs United Methodist Church
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Join us each Wednesday evening for great food and fellowship. After the meal, one of our members will share a chapter from their faith journey. This is a great opportunity to know our members at a deeper level and it has been a real blessing. We've heard powerful and inspirational stories from many of our members...stories about financial struggles, medical challenges, arguments with God, and many others. The meal starts at 6 PM. and we conclude around 7 PM. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3 per child, (\$20 family max).

Wednesday Suppers in March

March 4th – Erik Olson

March 11th – Jeff Connell

March 18th – Woody Talley

March 25th – Project Mail Call (formerly AnySoldier.com) – Come learn about this East Cobb ministry that supports our soldiers. Project Mail Call collects and distributes care packages to soldiers abroad.

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Gather 'round the campfire, happy campers, and listen up! VBS 2009 is just around the bend and we need lots of volunteers. Our theme this year is "Camp E.D.G.E.—Experience and Discover God Everywhere" and we'll be headin' out July 13 through 17 from 9 a.m. until 12:15 daily. Our children will draw closer to God as they discover that He is with them at all times, in all places, and in all circumstances. Fun is around every turn as we make crafts in the Art Apex, go fishin' at Scripture Cove, travel to Exploration Ridge for our daily Bible story, play games in the Rec Plex, stop off for nourishment at the Snack Express and sing around the campfire at Music Max Bend! Now is the time to sign up to volunteer and register your child for a week of adventure. Ages 3 (by January 1, 2009) through 5th graders are welcome. The cost is \$15 for SSUMC members and \$25 for non-members. Last year children had to be turned away, so register early to hold your spot. Now...pack that duffle bag and head on over to Camp E.D.G.E! If you like s'mores, you'll love camping at SSUMC! It'll be the adventure of a lifetime! Call Miss Sandra to volunteer or register today (404-255-1181, x219).



We have 20 reservations for the March 19 "Tutankhamen and the Great Pharaohs" exhibit at the Civic Center. This presentation spans 2000 years of Egyptian art and history. King Tut's tomb is the only completely intact one discovered this far, one of the greatest archaeological finds in history. We hope you will not miss this. Deadline is March 12. We'll complete the day with an early supper at Pitty Pat's Porch.

Flyers are now available in the Narthex, Church Office and 55 Plus bulletin board outside the kitchen for King Tut, the musical "Buddy" on April 18 and the Williamsburg Christmas trip December 5 through 9.

Questions? Call Audray McCroskey at 770-319-1698.

Lent 2009 – Every Member in Ministry

Lent is an intentional time of rededication to God in preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection at Easter. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these..., you did for me." As a church, our theme for Lent is going to be "Jesus in Mission".

Each week of Lent, we will focus on a particular mission initiative. Some initiatives will be here in Sandy Springs and some will be global in nature. We have planned several events during Lent so that every member will have an opportunity to be involved in mission in some way. Please prayerfully consider participating in one or more of these activities:

- All of Lent – Collect food and school supplies for the Community Action Center (CAC)
- All of Lent – Collect health kit supplies for the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)
- March 21st (Saturday) – Tour the Community Action Center. While we have supported the CAC for years, many of our members do not know where the CAC is located. Meet at the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. and we'll take the church bus for a brief educational tour of the CAC. Learn about the many ways you can volunteer.
- March 21st (Saturday) – "Cutting Up" party for the Ukraine Mission Trip. Each year, lots of arts and crafts supplies have to be prepared in advance of the June mission trip to Ukraine. Miss Sandra would love for you to help "cut up" and pre-package Ukraine supplies. Bring your smile and your scissors to the Fellowship Hall anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- March 28th (Saturday) – *Nothing but Nets* Day – We are hosting a free-throw shooting and 3-pt shooting contest to support the United Nations campaign to fight malaria in Africa. Did you know that every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies from Malaria? Join us in the Hitson Memorial Activity Center gym from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. We will be promoting this throughout Sandy Springs and are looking for a large turnout. We'll need volunteers to help with registration, keeping score, etc.
- April 5th (Saturday) – Feed 'n Seed "first-timers" Sunday – If you have never helped out with Feed 'n Seed, this is the Sunday for you! Come and help serve those in need from our very own community.
- April 7th and 8th (Tuesday & Wednesday) – Clothes de-tagging – We still have a large quantity of donated new clothes that must be de-tagged before they can be distributed. After our mid-day Holy Week worship service and lunch, we'll spend an hour de-tagging clothes. Bring your scissors and meet at the Hitson Memorial Activity Center at 1 p.m.

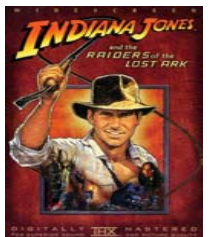
GIFTS OF LOVE

(Please advise Henry Armour (404) 255-8945 of corrections/omissions)

Honoring Mrs Ida White with a donation to the Organ or Preschool Scholarship* Fund:
 Mrs Lois Colvin Mr & Mrs Joseph Pearson Mrs W. B. Bryan, Jr.
 Mr & Mrs John Coates SSUMC JOY Class Robert Gellman
 Mrs Jane Snow Anonymous*

Honoring Mr & Mrs A.O. White with a donation to the Organ Fund: Mr & Mrs Earl Cook
 Honoring Mary Roark with a donation to the Elevator Fund: SSUMC Chancel Choir
 Honoring Ida Sue Bain with a donation to the Organ Fund: Mrs Lois Colvin
 Honoring Hilda Teasley with a donation to the Memorial, Organ*, or Feed & Seed Fund**:
 Mrs Thelma Potter** Mr & Mrs Charlton Duncan Mrs Jane Snow*
 Marcia Buchanan Mrs Jane Stewart Joann M. Overstreet
 Mrs D. G. Truman Josephine Oglesby Mrs Lois Grubbs

Honoring Hilda Teasley with a donation to the Preschool Scholarship Fund:
 Anonymous
 Honoring Sue & Henry Armour with a donation to the Memorial Fund:
 SSUMC Chancel Choir
 Honoring Barbara Hood & Family with a donation to the Memorial Fund:
 Mrs Sarah Standard
 Donation to the Feed & Seed Fund with no honoree designated:
 Mrs Thelma Potter
 Honoring Alice Sharpe with a donation to the Memorial Fund:
 Lois J. Colvin
 Honoring Michael Robards (Virginia Hobbs grandson) with a donation to the Organ Fund: Mr & Mrs John Coates
 Honoring D.B.S. Class' B'days & Anniversaries with a donation to the Memorial Fund:
 Dr Edwina Shealy



Friendship Unlimited Supper Club Movie Night will be at the Carroll's house at 5:30 PM on Saturday, March 28th. The supper is covered dish.



The young adult "Lunch Bunch" is going to Mambo's In the City Walk Kroger Sunday, March 8 after the 11:00 AM service. Please bring a bag lunch for your child Nursery is staffed until 2:00 PM