

# The 'Beat

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## “A Time For Giving Up?”

As March begins, (wait a minute, didn't February just start? Where did it go?) we begin the Season of Lent on the Christian Calendar. Ash Wednesday is March 9<sup>th</sup> which is the first day of Lent, a season of 40 days, plus Sundays, to prepare us for 'Passion of Christ' and the glorious Easter Celebration. Easter IS the joyous celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ; death has been overcome through the resurrection and new birth to eternal life! These are most significant days in lives of Christians and believers.

Isn't this a time when we often hear people asking, "What are you giving up for Lent this year?" Why is there a tradition of "giving up" something for Lent? I have been intrigued by how many persons follow this tradition and activity although still aren't clear about "WHY" they are doing so! During our **ASH WEDNESDAY** 7pm worship experience, we will explore this understanding and become helpfully informed about **LENT** and its purpose for all Christ-followers.

Lent is a season to prepare us for Easter and historically was a period of fasting and spiritual reflection; a time for intentional spiritual growth through study, devotion, prayer, and other spiritual disciplines. People have often "given up" something during the season as a means by which to remind themselves or make oneself more aware of intentionally investing more effort in one's own spiritual growth. Thinking that in removing something normal from my life routine will help me remember to refill that gap with something intentionally helpful for spiritual growth, during these days.

The "week of passion" is called "Holy Week" remembering those last days in Jesus Christ's life including the triumphal entry to Jerusalem, the Last Supper, His arrest and trial before Herod and Pilot, and ultimately His crucifixion on the cross (Good Friday). Easter begins the next Christian calendar season, living with the Risen Lord! Plan now how **YOU** will experience and make the most of the **LENTEN** season; be well-prepared for walking the days with Christ through His week of passion and death. How will you spend special and additional time in spiritual growth during this time?

Our Worship Series for this season is called, "**Jesus With Dirty Feet**". This will be a study and experience in 'walking daily with Jesus'; getting into the real life of Jesus, the man, as well as the Son of God. We will get to know the "real Jesus the Christ" in a way that will certainly deepen our valued experience of the Lenten Journey. I pray that **YOUR PLAN** for Lent includes time together with the church family in numerous worship opportunities and personal spiritual growth that will launch you into wonderful new days of living! God has something extremely powerful for us all, during this time!

It is great to share in ministry with you!

Peace, kim <><





# Sweetheart Dinner 2011



February 12



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## March 2011

		<u><b>Birthdays</b></u>
March	1	Robert Keyso
	5	Lucy Frankford
		Arnie George
		Yuki Brown
		Nancy Sollenberger
		Calia Redl
	15	Betty Lou McLuckey
	18	Dottie Egan
		Mike Barbour
	19	Jean Harrison
	22	Jean Flugel
	24	Karen Kehrli
	25	Peg Blamble
		Bill Ciszewski
	30	Luisito Tamayo

March	31	Donna Greenwood
<u><b>Anniversaries</b></u>		
March	6	Ken & Peggy Allen
	11	Jim & Cathy Lee
	13	Miguel & Paula Cortijo
	24	Jerry & Jeffi Westberry
	27	Matt & Debbie Pedersen
	30	John & Melissa Gray

**Consider donating to the  
Scholarship Fund on your birthday.  
Thank you!**



### **2011 FELLOWSHIP GOLF OUTING**

*Meadows Country Club*

*(The Groves)*

*April 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Schedule**

*7:30 AM Registration*

*8:30 am Shotgun Start*

*1:00 pm ± Lunch and Awards*



**Scramble Format**

***\$40.00 per Golfer (lunch only \$5.00)***

*Registration Fee Includes a Day of Golf w/ Golf Cart, Lunch and Prizes!!! Awards Presentation and Lunch Immediately Following Golf at Saint James Fellowship Hall.*

Sponsorships Available: Special Event Sponsor (\$50)    Hole Sponsor (\$25)

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# Early Learning Academy



## ELA Newsletter

February certainly flew by very quickly. We had so much fun this month with a visit from

Jungle Gardens. They brought out reptiles including a baby alligator, iguana, red rat snake, and tortoise. They presented each animal to the children and told them some basic facts about that animal prior to allowing the children to pet them. This is one experience I am certain that our children will not forget.

Our classrooms are filling up very quickly this time of year. We only have 4 openings at the center at this time and are thoroughly enjoying working with each and every one of these children.

In the coming month of March, we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day by decorating shamrocks and our older children will be going on a treasure hunt. In addition, Pastor Joyner will be conducting a weekly chapel service for the children at our center. This is truly an exciting opportunity for us.

We are also doing registration for the 2011-2012 school year this month. Beginning in April, we will begin open enrollment for children not currently enrolled at our center. If you know of anyone that is interested in enrolling their child for the next school year, please have them contact me at the Early Learning Academy for information.

Sincerely,  
Christine Merrill  
ELA Director



## Women or a Woman You Know In Cancer Recovery

If you know any woman currently undergoing cancer treatment, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning—once a month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. **Cleaning for a Reason** will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

This organization serves the entire country and currently has 547 participating partners. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care.

Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along. You can find them at:  
<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>.

# REVOLUTION

Saint James United Methodist

Youth Group



World Vision's  
**30 HOUR FAMINE**

Thank You!

To all those who sponsored a youth



(L-R) Brian Erickson, Melissa Martocchio, Danielle Gray, Bailey Pilat, Bailey Morris-Mott, Jeremy Erickson, Lindsey Hawley, Stephanie Gray, Kristin Young, and Tyler Gray

The famine gave us a chance to see how others in poverty live. We never realize how truly lucky we are to have everything we do. - Stephanie Gray

30 hour famine was really fun this year! We all were separated into tribes and given our own identity. We had to live in our assigned child's shoes for those 30 hours and endure just a few of the hardships that they face on a more severe level everyday. I think that it opened all of our eyes to the poverty and devastation across seas. I can't wait to do it again next year! - Bailey Pilat

Revolution Youth meets  
*Sundays 5-7pm*  
*Bible study/Games/Snacks*

*Wednesday Discovery Night*  
*5:45 Dinner*  
*6:30 Worship time*  
*Followed by small group*



It's time for us all to start thinking about spring cleaning, but what to do with the items we no longer need. Let the youth help you decide. Revolution youth will gladly help your treasures find a

loving home. We are now accepting items for our April 9th Rummage Sale. Items can be brought by the church office, or call Brian Erickson if you need a pick up of large items. Thank you!

## THANK YOU!

St James United Methodist Church

raised:

**\$125 and 203 non-perishables**

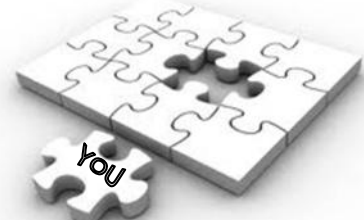
Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.



February 6, 2011

*Tracy Bender*  
Tracy Bender  
President and CEO  
Souper Bowl of Caring

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Postmaster, Please Deliver by March 9, 2011

9:00 AM - Traditional Service (HOLY COMMUNION First Sunday of the Month)  
 10:45 AM - Contemporary Service (HOLY COMMUNION Every Sunday)  
 9:30 AM & 10:45 AM - Sunday Small Groups



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# Youth Car Wash

