



Cumming First United Methodist Church

We Have A Place For You!

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The Critters are Coming!

Critters are arriving in the Sanctuary for their annual visit to sick children in three of our area children's

hospitals. We need lots of them this year – 700 of them – new, tags still on them. The deadline to bring those stuffed animals is March 28. We'll put up several more risers to give us more room for them to sit in the worship services.

unteers to help people find parking at each of the services and help move traffic after those services. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to help on that day.

Gifts in Memory of

Building Memorial:

Sunny McDonald

mother of Lauren McDonald

Virginia Caldwell

Chris & Laurie Hintz

Taylor, Turner & Hartsfield

Cumming Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce

C. W. Matthews Contracting Co., Inc.

Bobby & Lois Edgil

Jason Dooley & family

Tom & Shirley Davis

Doug & Janet McDougal

Steve & Sandra Eades

Pam & Jerry Bowman

Amanda & Randall Bowman

Food Pantry:

Sonny Merck

Kelley & Robert Merck

Bill Winstead

May Winstead

General Fund:

Henry Rainey

father of Allan Rainey

Circle of Friends Sunday School Class

Laurene Rainey

mother of Allan Rainey

Circle of Friends Sunday School Class

Memorial Fund:

Tom Layfield

Bill & Geri Dreger

Prayer Ministry:

Norma Carr

John & Ginny Ammons

Bill Winstead

May Winstead

Mary Irwin

mother of Juanita Brown

Martie Keesee

Bethann Taylor

Preschool Scholarship Fund:

Mary Irwin

mother of Juanita Brown

Doug Green

Tom & Pam Dorman

The deadline for our One Great Day of Service is rapidly getting here – March 21. Make your plans to participate! Be a part of this great celebration of service.

Richard Fahey has agreed to coordinate our parking volunteers for the Easter Services. This is a great way to welcome others to our Church. Parking, and getting in and out of our parking lots are challenges on Easter Sunday. Richard will need a team of vol-

Easter lilies orders are due by March 28. Pick up an envelope and make sure we have your information. Complete the form with the number of lilies and the names of those persons for whom you are giving them.

See you in worship this Sunday.

In Christ's love,



Worship With Us Sunday, March 14

4th Sunday of Lent

Luke Sermon Series: *Getting to Know Jesus through the Voice of St. Luke*

Rev. John Cromartie preaching – *The Healing Power of Christ*

Scripture: Luke 7:11-17

8:45 AM - Morning Worship in our Sanctuary

Special Music: Paul Chandler, soloist

Baptism of *Hagan Jay Hunt*, son of Norman & Megan Hunt

11 AM - Morning Worship in our Sanctuary

Special Music: *When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee* – The Chancel Choir

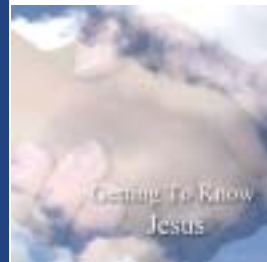
Baptism of *Ella Anne Raymond*,

daughter of Scott & Stephani Raymond

1 PM - Servicio en Español & Covered Dish Lunch in the Student Center

Rev. Eduardo Stevens brings the message based on

Luke 15:1-32



Child care is provided for ages 6 weeks-3 years at 8:45 and 11 AM; Kid's Kingdom (age 4-grade 2) at 8:45 & 11 AM; TGIF (grades 3-5) at 11 AM

Cumming First is...

a Place for Children... (Ages 4-Grade 5)

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny! March 20, 9-11



AM. for ages 1 and up. Cost: \$12 includes breakfast, egg hunt, bunny craft and picture with the Easter Bunny.

Mommy & Me Story & Craft Hour: Thursdays, 9-10 AM, #109, March 25 for preschoolers. One time fee of \$20 for

1 child/\$35 for two.

Kids Night Out: Fear Factor - March 26, 6:30-9:00 PM, Pods for grades 2-5. Cost: \$10 per child includes dinner. Space is limited so reserve your spot now!

Children's Choirs: Grades 1-5 will sing at the 11 am worship service on 3/21; Age 3-Grade K on 4/25.

Questions? Call Kristy Thompson or Cherie Perkins, (770) 887-2900

a Place for Youth... (Grades 6-12)

Sundays:

Higher Ground, 9:45-10:45 am upstairs

Confirmation 9:45-10:45 am downstairs

Praise Band practice, 4-5 pm

Powerhouse, 5-7 pm (Bring \$3 for dinner)

3/14: Sr. High **ROAD TRIP**

3/21: Middle School **ROAD TRIP**

3/28: **SMALLS**, Painting cans, Cookout

Wednesdays: Praise Band, 6-7 pm

Finding My Way in Scripture Bible Study & fellowship, 7-8:30 PM.

Sign up now:

Youth Summer Mission Trips: Appalachia July 18-25; Camp Hope July 10-16

All Activities begin/end at the Student Center unless noted otherwise. Questions? Laura Jordan 770.887.2900 or email: ljordan@cfumcga.com News? Get on the weekly email: kclaudon@cfumcga.com

a Place for Adults...

Book Clubs & Reading Groups

• **Cover to Cover:** 7-8:30 PM, #110, Wednesday, March 24 *How Starbucks Saved My Life* by Michael Gates Gill

• **History Travelers:** 7-8:30 PM, Library, Monday, April 12 *Stanley: The Impossible Life of Africa's Greatest Explorer* by Tim Jeal; May 3 *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America* by Timothy Egan

Questions? Call Laurie Hintz, 770.887.2900

- **Trinity Sisters:** Wednesday, March 17, 5:30 PM, #110
- **General Meeting:** Monday, March 22, 6:30 PM, #110
- **Mary-Martha:** Tuesday, March 23, 10 AM, #110
- **Hispanic Circle:** Friday, March 26, 6 PM, Student Center
- **Happy Knotters:** Saturday, March 27, 9 AM, #110

Donation Opportunities

• **Postage Money, Snack Foods, Crystal Light To Go/ Koolaid Singles, Tuna/Chicken packs, Girl Scout Cookies, Shampoo, Crackers, Comedy & Action Movies (DVD only), and Candy** for military care packages.

• One Great Day of Service needs donations of **paint brushes, paint rollers, drop cloths, roller pans, roller extensions, work gloves, mulch rakes, and money.**

Please bring your donations to the box in the main hallway outside the church office.

• **Bunnies (and other critters)** for the children's hospitals. Must be new with the tags still on to be accepted. Bring your critters to the sanctuary by March 28.

• **Tin Cans** of all sizes must be clean, dry with labels off for youth art project. Please bring the cans to the bins in the student center or the youth office.

United Methodist Women Circles

• **Sunshine:** Monday, March 15, 5 PM, #110

• **Nightingales:** Tuesday, March 16, 7 PM, #109

• **Myrtie Poole:** Wednesday, March 17, 11 AM, #110 Rev.

Laura Jordan will speak about Ecuador. Bring small toothpaste for missions items and a covered dish to share for lunch.

Please pray for...

Those in the hospital:

Sybil Dalton - outpatient surgery 3/9

Terre French - Chestnut Ridge

Millie Gann - Northside Atlanta

Laurie Gowen - St Joseph

Iris Hamilton - Northside Forsyth

Dan Kaye - Chestnut Ridge

Olive Kellum - Budd Terrace Rehab

John Morton - Chestnut Ridge

Larry Sullivan - surgery 3/9, Gwinnett Medical

Those at home:

Debra Abbott

Sue Cochran

George Harvey

Andrea Johnson

Michele Bowen

Christian Fisher

Marcy Hesketh

Win Johnson

Tricia Kennedy

Pat Martin

Terry Schroeder

Ann Shirley

Hyde Talbot

Ruth Ellen Lipps

Mary Phillips

Mary Jane Sheridan

Steve Simon

Vic Williams

Sympathy to:

• Anne Williams on the death of her nephew, Patrick Reynolds, on 3/6.

• Janet Vanderhoff on the death of her father, Robert Graham, on 3/4.

Chancel Flowers:

are given to the glory of God in loving memory of **Billy Schellack**, on her March 15 birthday from **Dr. John Schellack** and **Bev McMichael**; and in loving memory of **Don Hesketh**, from wife, **Marcy Hesketh**.

XYZ Club trip to

Allure of the Automobile

Thursday, March 25,

9 AM-2:30 PM

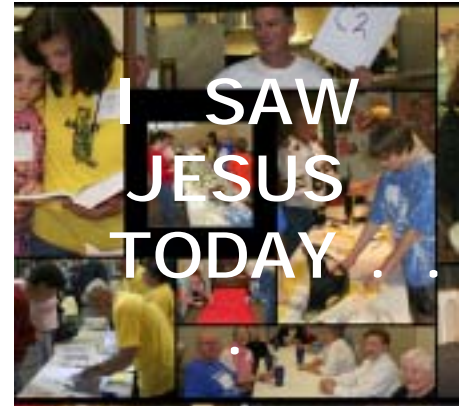
at the High Museum in Atlanta

Cost: \$25 per person includes audio tour and church provided transportation. Lunch on your own. **Reservation deadline: Sunday, March 14.** Questions? Call Ron or Anne in the church office.

a Place for Everyone!

UMW Collecting Recipes

for a new cookbook. To submit a recipe, go to www.cfumcga.com/cookbook or pick up a recipe form on the bulletin board outside the church office. Submission deadline: April 3. Questions? Email: recipe@pcbeggings.net or call 678.549.7629



One Great Day of Service

March 27, 2009

Give just one day; get blessings you'll always remember.

Register online:

by March 21 to ensure the project you want!
www.volunteers.cummingfirstmethodist.com

Donations:

Place in offering plate or mail to the church office; mark checks/envelopes OGDs Supplies.



Get Ready for Summer Fun.....

Children's 2010 Summer camp brochures are available at the children's ministry office and online at www.cfumcga.com then click on the children's ministry link on the right side of the home page.

Our Attendance and Stewardship

Sunday, March 7

8:45 am: **359** 11 am: **817**

Confirmation Retreat: **41**

(Visitors: 108) Total: **1245**

1 PM Hispanic Worship Service: **42**

Sunday School

Children: **90** Youth: **22** Adults: **305**

Total: **417**

Hispanic Family Programs: **127**

General Fund

Offering: \$47,453.22

Received to date: \$322,014.73

Debt Reduction (Bldg. Fund)

Offering: \$5,330.00

Received to date: \$30,609.42

Festival of the Arts 2010



is now accepting entries for consideration until March 19.

Official Entry forms are available on the church website: www.cfumcga.com click on Music and Arts section

OUR STAFF

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www.cfumcga.com



Lilies for Easter

Deadline to order is Sunday, March 28. Make check for \$10 payable to CFUMC, place in envelope and place in offering plate or bring to the church office. Proceeds will benefit Special Needs Program.

In Memory of _____ (please print)

In Honor of _____ (please print)

of Lilies _____ Amount of Cash/Check _____ (circle one)

Given by _____ Phone _____

Lily to be picked up/donated _____ (circle one)

Disaster Relief - Give Generously

Give through your local church. Checks should note in the memo line:

• **UMCOR Chile Emergency** Advance #3021178 or

• **UMCOR Haiti Emergency** Advance #418325

Give online at www.umc.org. *100% of your gift to UMCOR will go to help the people of these countries.*

This Week at Cumming First UMC

Church Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm, (770) 887-2900



Don't forget!!!

Set your clock **AHEAD one hour on Saturday night, March 13!**

Sunday, March 14 - Luke 7:11-17, 15:1-32

8:30 am - Bus Driver: Bill Streit, 770.889.3407

8:45 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

9:15 am - Coffee and...hosted by the Circle of Friends Sunday School Class - FLC

9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages


9:50-10:45 am - Orientation Class: *The People Called Methodist* - Communion/Baptism - Balcony Level Mezzanine

11:00 am - Worship Service - Sanctuary

1:00 pm - Hispanic/Latino Lunch & Worship - Student Center

4:00 pm - Praise Band Practice - Student Center

4:30-7:00 pm - for Children

4:30-7:00 pm - 

5:00-7:00 pm - High School ROAD TRIP

Monday, March 15 - Joshua 5:9-12

8:00 am-2:30 pm - ESL - #10

8:30 am-4:00 pm - Intercessory Prayer Ministry - #109

1:30 pm - Staff Meeting - #110

2:30-6:00 pm - After School Program - Elementary Pod

5:00 pm - Vickery Scrrk Middle School Practice - Sanctuary

5:00 pm - Sunshine UMW Circle - #110

5:00-8:00 pm - Upward Soccer Practice - Recreation Field

6:00 pm - Vickery Creek Middle School Concert - Sanctuary

6:30 pm - Preschool Daddy's Night - Family Life Center, Pods

6:30-9:00 pm - ESL - #10

7:00-8:00 pm - Al Anon - #18 / Cub Scouts - Modular / Finance - #109

7:30-9:00 pm - Boy Scout Troop 62 - Scout Hut

Tuesday, March 16 - Psalm 32

8:00 am-2:30 pm - ESL - #10

9:00 am-2:30 pm - Bazaar Workshop - #109

9:30-11:00 am - Weavings - #110

10:00 am - Arts Festival Committee - Library

2:30-6:00 pm - After School Program - Elementary Pod

5:00-8:00 pm - Upward Soccer Practice - Recreation Field

6:00-7:00 pm - Cub Scouts - Modular

6:00-9:00 pm - Plaza Comunitaria - Student Center/ ESL - #10, 14, 20

6:30 pm - Preschool Daddy's Night - Family Life Center, Pods

6:30-7:30 pm - Rainbows - Elementary Pod

6:30-9:00 pm - D1 - #16/ DIV - #11

7:00 pm - Nightingales UMW Circle - #109

7:00-8:00 pm - Scouts - Scout Hut / Cub Scouts - Modular

8:15 pm - Move Food Pantry to rooms #18, 19, 20

Wednesday, March 17 - 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

8:00 am-2:30 pm - ESL - #10

9:00-11:00 am - Food Pantry - #18, 19, 20

9:30 am-12:00 Noon - DI - #16 / DII - #11

10:00 am-12 Noon - Beth Moore Study - #13 / Hispanic Pastors - Student Ctr

11:00 am - Myrtie Poole UMW Circle - #110

12 Noon - Service of Holy Communion - Sanctuary

2:30-6:00 pm - After School Program - Elementary Pod

5:30 pm - Trinity Sisters UMW Circle - #110

6:00 pm - Youth Praise Band Practice - Student Center

6:00-9:00 pm - ESL - #10

6:30 pm - The Amazing Collection Bible Study - #13

7:00-8:30 pm - Finding My Way in Scripture Youth Bible Study - Student Center

Thursday, March 18 - Philippians 2:5-11

6:30-7:30 am - Men's Breakfast Bible Study: *The Gospel According to John* - Student Center

8:00 am-2:30 pm - ESL - #10

9:00-10:00 am - Mommy & Me - #109

9:00-11:00 am - Women's Connection - #110

12:30-6:00 pm - After School Program - Elementary Pod

5:00-8:00 pm - Upward Soccer Practice - Recreation Field

6:00-7:30 pm - Divorce Support Group - #13

6:00-9:00 pm - Plaza Comunitaria - Student Center / ESL - #10, 14, 20

6:15-7:15 pm - Joyful Sound - #21 / Handbell Choir - Balcony Mez

7:00-9:00 pm - Regional Choir Festival - Sanctuary

7:30-9:00 pm - Chancel Choir - #21

Friday, March 19 - Isaiah 42:1-9

12:30-6:00 pm - After School Program - Elementary Pod

5:00-8:00 pm - Upward Soccer Practice - Recreation Field

5:00-9:00 pm - Latino Folklore - Student Center

7:00-9:00 pm - Regional Choir Festival - Sanctuary

Saturday, March 20 - Psalm 36

8:00 am-2:00 pm - Soccer Games - Field

9:00 am-5:00 pm - Scrapbooking - #109, 110

9:00-11:00 am - Breakfast with Bunny - Pods, Family Life Center

12:00 Noon-4:00 pm - Plaza Comunitaria - Student Center

3:00-7:00 pm - Hispanic Recreation Day - Family Life Center



BSA Troop 62 March Events:

March 27-28 - Cherokee Historic Trail Overnight Hike

March 29 - Court of Honor

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