

# Christ Notes February 11, 2010

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## **Keith's Corner**

Luke's account of the transfiguration stands out from the other gospel accounts of this event by its detail and dramatic adjectives. It has always been something of a letdown for me to read that the disciples were silent after witnessing such a clear revelation of who Jesus is. While they may have said nothing, they did indeed join Jesus for the journey and ultimately gave their lives in his service.

As we prepare to journey through Lent this year we need to ask ourselves what is different this time around? Will we come down from the mountaintop experiences of our lives transformed? Will we make this Lenten journey more meaningful? Will we finally accept Jesus' invitation to follow him regardless of the cost? These are tough questions. I hope to see you Sunday to share what I think this text is saying to us today!

## **Costa Rican Mission Trip**

Our mission team leaves this next week for Costa Rica. Kirk Smith, Jake Buzzard, Brian Dye, and Aubrey Wiley together with Ernest Craig will journey to Central America for this great project. They are ready to go, but need your prayers for safe travels and a successful mission. Their plans are ambitious and they will accomplish much in the name of the Lord!

## **Rev. Keith and Mary to the Holy Lands**

Rev. Keith and Mary will leave for the Holy Lands on the evening of February 14 and return the afternoon of March 3. We are looking forward to touring Israel and Egypt with Methodist pastors and lay people from North Georgia. He will not have access to cell phone or email during the trip. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Ed Cook. Ed will be preaching February 21 and leading our Ash Wednesday Service February 17. Dr. Ed Tomlinson, our

District Superintendent will preach on February 28. The church office will have emergency contact information for Rev. Keith. This will be a wonderful educational experience which will hopefully lead to new insights and illustrations for teaching. We will try to prepare a slide show after our return.

### **Finances**

Our finances continue to be extremely tight. When we have a Sunday like last Sunday when many were away, our collections suffer. We are grateful for the extra contribution from our friends at AA who took up a special collection for us. We hope to see each one of you in church on Sundays. If you can't be here, we hope you will continue to send in your offerings. We have pared back all we can. What a nice surprise it will be when I return to discover you have supported Rev. Ed and Dr. Tomlinson with your presence. Thanks!

Blessings,

Keith

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Feb 13      Men's Breakfast    8:30am  
                 UMW Flying Biscuit Cafe  
                 Nimble Fingers    10:30am
- Feb 14      Scout Sunday during worship  
                 Luncheon following worship  
                 Admin Council    1:15pm annex
- Feb 16      UMW    10:30am
- Feb 17      Ash Wednesday Service    7:00pm  
                 Young at Heart Luncheon    11:45am
- Feb 17 – 24    Costa Rica Mission trip
- Feb 27      Nimble Fingers    10:30am

## Youth

Please be aware payment for the summer mission trip is due. All of the youth who would like to attend MUST make a \$150 payment by Feb 28

## United Methodist Women

UMW will meet for breakfast this Saturday 2/13 at 10:30. We will meet at the Flying Biscuit on Johnson Ferry Road , Marietta . Please contact Alice Blanco at [aliceblanco@bellsouth.net](mailto:aliceblanco@bellsouth.net) or 770-642-7075 and let her know that you will be there. We need a head count for the tables. Come and have good food and great fellowship with your sisters at CUMC

Tuesday morning group will meet at Mom's Table on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. If you have any questions, please call Joanne Rooks at 770-552-3199.

## Missions

The mission trip to Costa Rica is Feb 17 – 24. There is need for scholarship help for a potential missionary. If you can contribute, it would be greatly appreciated. Be prayerful in considering this request.

## Outreach.

The residents of Roswell Nursing Center (Green Street) are in need of a Valentines Day party on Feb 13. Please sign up to go and help pass out cards from Preschool and Children's Church and love and/or provide soft cookies or other treats in the rear of the sanctuary this Sunday.

## **Open Altar for Prayers**

Our altar rail will be open for prayers following every worship service. “Prayer Warriors” will be available to pray for and with you. A growing and caring church is a praying church.

## **Pledge Campaign and Budget**

We received \$ 2479.00 against a weekly need for \$4650.00.

## **Need Pastoral Help?**

Pastor Keith is available for short term counseling. He is generally in the office Monday through Thursday, but is subject to meetings and often makes visits outside the church. It's best to call and set an appointment through the church office. In an emergency, please call his cell phone 404-906-1425.

## **Member Services Directory**

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services. Many of our members are self employed. I would like to include a list of services offered by our members on our website and in this e-newsletter. If you would like to be listed, please email the church office a brief (no more than two lines) description of services offered and contact information.

- ▶ **Joanne Rooks** has a company called Moms Table.  
[www.momstableonline.com](http://www.momstableonline.com) or 1207 Canton St. in Roswell.
- ▶ **Susan Smith** is a licensed Christian Counselor. She can be reached at 404-861-2077.
- ▶ **Mary Jane Warren Stone Fine Art and Illustration** Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. 770-578-8881
- ▶ **Jeanette Storey** works for a Home Care company located in Roswell called Golden Home Services. If you need a carefully screened, trained, bonded, and insured home services provider for a loved one, please call Jeanette at 678-242-0084
- ▶ **Chrissie Thead** is Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture.  
[www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com](http://www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com) or 404-317-2090
- ▶ **John Clark** provides private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition. He teaches classical, rock, and jazz styles and trains students to read music as well as play by ear. For more information visit [www.JohnClarkStudio.com](http://www.JohnClarkStudio.com) or call 404-218-9150.