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Circuit Rider

Special Easter Edition, 2009

Holy Week Schedule at a glance

- **Palm Sunday April 5**
10:30AM
- **Maundy Thursday April 9 at Denton: Faith UMC**
- **Good Friday April 10**
7:00PM
- **Easter Sunrise Service will be held outside 7AM**
- **Breakfast 9AM**
- **Easter Celebration 10:30AM**

Mission to Jamaica: an update!

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The Jamaica Mission Team has fourteen folks getting geared up to spend a great week on the Port Antonio Circuit of the Methodist Church of Jamaica.

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The June 2009 team will be re-roofing the Bloomfield Methodist Church with a steel roof which cost right around \$2000. Also, the team will be holding a Bible School for about 75 kids from the community at the Bloomfield Methodist All-Age School.

More news later...

Holy Week & Easter Happenings!

Welcome to Spring! Now that we've had a taste of it, warm weather won't come soon enough. The Spring flowers; Tulips, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Forsythia and the like will soon be blooming all around us. Yeah!

The Worship Team is busy preparing for the Holiest season on the Christian calendar when we remember Jesus' Passion and Triumph over the grave.

On **Palm Sunday, April 5**, we will be celebrating with palm fronds for the whole church family and the joyful music of Christ's victorious arrival

in Jerusalem. Bob Simmons will be singing "The Holy City" that I know will bless us all.

Our **Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7PM** service will be held jointly with our brothers and sisters from Faith UMC at their church on the corner of Michigan Ave and Denton roads. We will be following Jesus' instructions to humble ourselves and serve one another with a Foot Washing Service and the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

The **Good Friday Service will begin at 7PM** back in our Sanctuary. This service will commemorate the God's sacri-

ficial love poured out upon a crude Roman Cross. It will be a meaningful experience that we hope all will attend.

Easter Morning begins with a Sunrise Service at 7AM in the church's backyard. Be sure to wear clothing appropriate of a cool Spring morning. You'll have time to go home and change before **Breakfast which will be served at 9AM.**

We will continue the celebration of Christ's Triumphant Resurrection from the grave at our regularly scheduled **10:30AM** service.

Special Easter Offering Envelope

As you already have noticed, an "Easter Offering" envelope has been included with this edition of the Cherry Hill UMC Circuit Rider.

This offering is not designed to be in lieu of your regular tithes and offerings but rather an invitation for

you to make your own sacrificial gift of love for the Lord's continued work at Cherry Hill UMC.

If after prayer and conversation with God you have been blessed by our ministry and have a desire in your heart to continue that work you can bring your offering

at any of the Holy Week Services held at Cherry Hill.

In advance, your leadership team wants to thank you all for your gracious and faith filled hearts.

May God's Blessing continue to fall upon you.

***“The King will
reply, “I tell you
the truth,
whatever you
did for one of
the least of
these...you did
for me.”
Matt 25:40***

Little dresses for “Jamaica”

What started out as a project for African girls has turned into a personal calling to Jamaica for Jo Nichols, a member of Cherry Hill UMC.

Early in the winter, Outreach Coordinator, Bob Simmons, presented a Mission Opportunity to our congregation called “Little dresses for Africa.” While several of these dresses have been made and sent on to Africa Bob and Jo Nichols

decided that they should make some to send to Jamaica. Jo got so excited



Jo Nichols

about the project that she will be going with us to hand deliver these beautiful dresses.

The Pastor's Pratt took three of the dresses to Jamaica in February and the recipients were so excited.

We want to thank all of you who have provided pillowcases, buttons, bows, ribbons, etc.. Especially we want to thank Jo for her enthusiasm for this project.

Cherry Hill UMC 175th Anniversary—2009

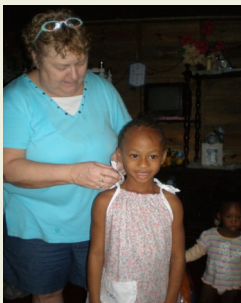
During the Worship hour on April 26, Karen Russell will help us kick off Cherry Hill United Methodist Church's 175th Anniversary by sharing a bit of our historic beginnings back in 1834. Karen has done extensive work with the Canton Historical Society.

Throughout the year we are planning to offer several events that will not only remind those of us who worship here of the faithfulness of those who have gone on before us but will enable the community around us to see that the vital work of making disciples for Jesus Christ continues these

many years later.

Harold Carone has an old church sign that he is sharing with us. If you have any relics from Cherry Hill UMC's past and would like to share them, please let Karen Russell know. We would love to display them throughout the year.

*“Serving the
Lord and the
Cherry Hill
Community
for 175
years”*



**Pastor Kay with
Vanessa trying
on one of
Jo's Dresses**

Cherry Hill UMC Work Day—May 9

Spring is here and with it comes the chores of cleaning up after a hard winter. Karen Russell is already working at getting the flower gardens ready for new growth. Bob Beggs has decided that this long winter is now history and has moth-balled the Snow Blower. Yeah!

However, Dorothy Richards, our beloved Trustee Chair has a pretty long list of things that need to be tended to both inside and out. We hope that you will be able to come out and work along side your brothers and sisters. It is a good time for fellowship, some sweat and even a laugh or

two as we care for the church, parsonage and grounds that God has provided us.

Let's look our best as we prepare to celebrate 175 years of service to the Lord and the Cherry Hill Community.