

Brundidge United Methodist Church

February 2017 Newsletter

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## **Dave and Marlene Colburn In Concert**

**Sunday February 12th, 11 a.m.**

### **The Classic Style of Beautiful Inspirational Instrumental Sacred Music**



Our church has been blessed with special music presentations lately. The Lord seems to be leading very talented musicians our way. Dave and Marlene Colburn consider music to be a refreshing renewal from the Living Water to flow into all hearts centered on Christ.

Their website [www.colburnministry.com](http://www.colburnministry.com) says "A couple in ministry dedicated to providing spiritually uplifting and encouraging music to audiences and listeners worldwide. Their prayer is that Christ may be uplifted and glorified through their music and that He alone may be seen!"

We will have early service at 8:30 a.m. A love offering will be received to help with the Colburns' travel and performance expenses. Dave is an accomplished pianist and Marlene serenely superbly plays the violin. Invite your neighbors and friends to a truly spiritual musical blessing.

### **Confirmation Classes 10 a.m. Sundays March 5th through April 2nd**

All who are interested in learning about United Methodist history, our beliefs, doctrines, and Christian apologetics. Rev Ed will lead this study series in the sanctuary from 10 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for five sessions. Call the church office at 735-3180 or e-mail [bumcoffice@troycable.net](mailto:bumcoffice@troycable.net) to register.

Traditionally "confirmation classes" are for youth in grades 5th and 6th, however we have teenagers and adults that desire to know more about United Methodists and our denomination. So, every person of any age is welcome. Parents can attend the sessions with their children.

Don't worry about taking notes because at the conclusion of the study series every participant will receive a notebook containing a transcript of Rev Ed's teachings and a booklet about United Methodists. At the conclusion of the sessions every person, who is not presently a member of Brundidge United Methodist Church, will be given the opportunity to officially add their name to our church membership roll. We will award confirmation class certificates on Sunday April 2nd and receive those into membership that have made that decision.

### **Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday Service March 1st**

The service will follow the Wednesday Night Supper. Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent was a time to prepare new converts for baptism. Today, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. –This insight found at [www.umc.org](http://www.umc.org) along with other interesting information.

## Many Magnets are Countless Blessings

A devotional for Lent by Barb Homann

When our grandson Kory was 9 years old we were having breakfast one morning and I happened to glance at the refrigerator. I saw more than just magnets on the refrigerator door. Looking at all the magnets I realized they reminded me of who gave them to me and for what occasion but most of all, how blessed I am. The birds, butterfly, lady bug, flowers and animals remind me of God's creations. Genesis 1:20-21 and God said, "Let the water team with living creatures and birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky. So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teams according their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw it was good."



The chalkboard magnet says, "Teachers help us grow" and this one "Thank you to a teacher who makes learning fun." These magnets remind me of teaching, of how blessed I am to be able to teach boys and girls and tell them about Jesus and His love for us. Another magnet says "Friendship is the best thing under the sun;" this reminds me of many friends and how blessed I am to have them in my life. Proverbs 17:17 says "A friend loves at all times."

The picture frame magnet with a family photograph reminds me how blessed I am to have a family to love. First Timothy 5:8 says "If anyone does not provide for his relatives and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

The open book magnet tells something about Grandma, "Grandma, you have a place within our hearts that no one else can fill, you're the dear and special Grandma that we love and always will." This reminds me how blessed I am to be a Grandma and I have grandchildren to love; and as Grandma I used one of my magnets when the children stayed overnight and I made toast for them the next morning, before I put the bread in the toaster I pressed the magnet into the bread, after the bread was toasted we could see the picture of a sun shining and the words "I love you!" Needless to say many pieces of bread were toasted and eaten.

The telephone magnet reminds me that I can talk to special people in my life. I am blessed to have this convenience, but, I can also talk to God anytime and I do not need a telephone.

The magnet shaped like a house has the Bible verse on it Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord." This reminds me how blessed I am to be able to go to church, listen to the message and hear the choir as they sing praises to the Lord.

The flag reminds me of how blessed I am to live in the country of America and be free. Psalm 33:12 says "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

The angel magnet reminds me that I am blessed to have a guardian angel. When I was so sick I truly believe that besides all the many prayers for me, my guardian angel was there every day watching over me.

This heart-shaped magnet has the words "Count Your Blessings" on it for which I do always. Maybe looking at your refrigerator magnets you will be reminded of the things you are blessed with.

Kory wrote this ending: "God is like a refrigerator. We stick to Him because we have faith and believe in Him, we believe Jesus is our Savior, those that are weak in their faith fall off God. We can be like the magnets and stick with Him. We also can help people who "fall off" get back so they can go to Heaven.

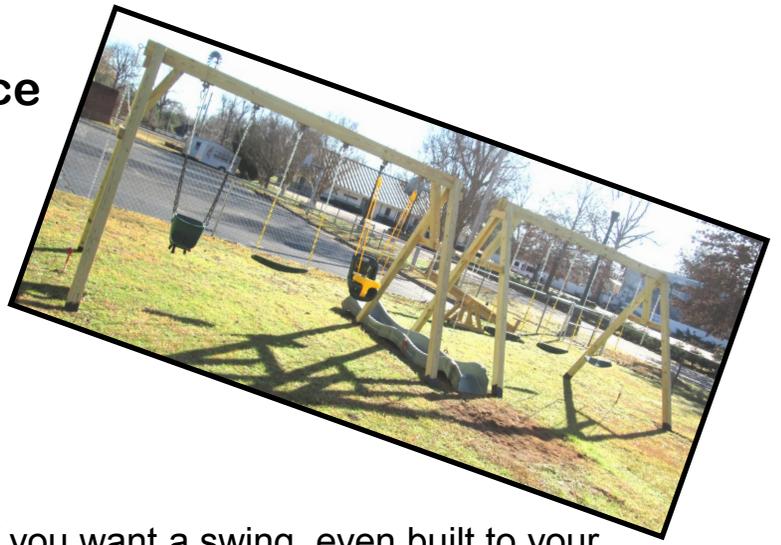
Dear Lord thank You for this time that we were reminded of how blessed we are each and every day. Sometimes we can only do something just for today but we know you are with us in all our trials and our tribulations. Help us to be the best we can be as we count our blessings.



**Barb Homann has a marvelous Sunday school room. It looks like so much fun everybody in the church wants to go there for Sunday mornings. Barb can take the most simple materials and transform them into something special and fun. All of you who attend worship services need to make the effort to visit the education building hallway where Barb creates spectacular bulletin boards with inspiring messages and one that highlights all of our church members' accomplishments in the community with newspaper clippings plus photographs.**

## Playground Equipment in Place

David Holland built some beautiful, sturdy, outdoor playground equipment for the church. New swings for children and babies, an adult swing, a seesaw, and a children's picnic table. Our trustee chairperson Mike Richards is planning to build the slide between the two swing sets.



If you want a swing, even built to your own special specifications, call David Holland at 334-397-4464. Great craftsman skills with quality material to make almost anything you can think of for your home or a gift; call David.



## New Canopies at the Church!

Can see the difference?

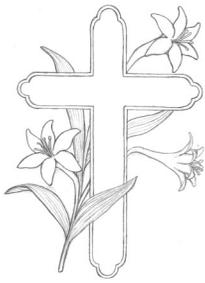
**WOW!**



To be honest, our old canopies looked like old worn out socks. Thank you for your continued support of the building fund. We have more projects: such as exterior painting, siding for the dome, and repair of the front steps. I always praise you, every member of Brundidge United Methodist Church, for this observation: we have raised a great amount of funds for building renovation without diminishing the strength of our general fund. You are giving beyond stalwart support of the church to make these needed repairs happen. Thank you. Plus many former members of the church have contributed to the building fund as well as members of the community that want to see this beautiful historic landmark remain a pleasant attractive part of the landscape on Brundidge Main Street.

## Kneeling Cushions for Sanctuary Altar Within Reach

The pattern is being refined to make sure the cushions will be centered in the chancel area. We are so close to paying the required expenses. So, please make a donation for these cushions with sacred symbols to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary. On the very practical side of the addition of cushions, all will be able to kneel down easier with a softer and higher surface at the altar rail. This is ambitious but perhaps this Easter, April 16th, we will have those cushions in place! Thank you to the Worship Committee for overseeing this project.



## January Memorials

### In Honor of Jane & Renee Senn

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Clay Hill Fund

### In Memory of John W. Fryer &

### James E. Caldwell, Jr.

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

### In Memory of Imogene P. Hare

Sandra Broughton- Building Fund

### In Memory of Jane Senn

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Ramage-BUMC

Billy & Judy Jackson-Building Fund

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Clay Hill Fund

Homer & Barb Homann- Youth Fund

Lawrence & Sara Bowden- Mason McLendon & Clay Hill Funds

Gilbert & Jackie Carlisle-BUMC



## True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?  
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the \*, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

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27:9, NIV

Answers: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

## FRIENDSHIP CARDS



Give someone a hug!

This month, don't just send valentines; be a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.



**What you need:**

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

**What you do:**

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!

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