

Clift Notes

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SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Jeremiah 1:4. 10
Psalm 71:1. 6
1 Corinthians 13:1. 13
Luke 4:21. 30

PREACHER:

Rev. Suzanne Fontaine

WORSHIP LEADER:

Michael Hickey

HOSPITALITY TEAM:

Jack & Jeannine Lancaster

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday

9:00 am Book Discussion

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 7 12:00 pm Administrative
Team Meeting
Feb. 10 6:00 pm Disciples II (ch 8)
Feb 27 10:45am Contemplative
Reading Group

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

2/11 Clara G.
2/11 Carson B-R.
2/11 Landon B-R.
2/12 Ruth Ann C.
2/13 Don D.
2/29 Austin S.

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Dear Friends,

Sometimes we need to wear a hard hat to love. When Paul wrote his very famous and familiar words, *the greatest of these is love*, he was not associating them with hearts and flowers, nor could he have ever imagined they'd be reduced to a cliché printed on coffee cups. Paul was writing to a Christ Community that was struggling to remember and return to their mission of love that generates peace and justice. He was talking about hard work.

In addition to hearing about the greatest love this Sunday, we'll also hear our first report from the architects of our Vision 2015. All of us, architects and builders alike, will be challenged to put on our hard hats and join in this important work that will help us remember who we are and imagine who we can yet become. As we begin to lay the ground work and prepare the foundation for Vision 2015 we will listen to Paul's words echoing down the centuries to us, asking us these questions: *How do our relationships within our congregation express love for one another and for our neighbors?* and *How do we fail to express love for one another and for our neighbors?*

See you Sunday,
Suzanne

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Service: 11:00 am

Evening Taize Service: 7:00 pm

UPDATES ON HAITI DISASTER

United Methodist Communications continues to provide breaking news and resources related to the Haiti earthquake at <http://bit.ly/8bMwBr>. Updates include:

GIVING

UMCOR continues to receive gifts online. Checks can be made to UMCOR with "Advance #418325 Haiti Emergency" in the memo line. Continue >> (<http://bit.ly/5fJN6o>) YTD Clifton has collected \$1147.56. Plus the ORV Mission Foundation matched \$100 which they sent to UMCOR in the church's name.

HEALTH KITS FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF MUST BE AT THE ORV DISTRICT OFFICE BY SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 AT 1:00 PM

UMCOR's two relief supply warehouses are asking United Methodists to provide health kits that can be sent to earthquake-devastated Haiti.

"For people who are feeling powerless in being able to help those in Haiti, providing health kits is a tangible way they can make an immediate difference," said Kathy Kraiza, director of UMCOR's relief supplies. She estimates that hundreds of thousands of kits will be needed in the days and months ahead.

The kits, valued at about \$12 per kit, contain everything from towels and washcloths to sterile bandages and bar soap. They will be distributed to those who have been forced to leave their homes as a result of the recent disaster.

For individuals or groups that want to contribute basic necessities, UMCOR requests that the following NEW items be placed in a sealed one-gallon plastic bag.

- 1 hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27"). No kitchen towels.
- 1 washcloth
- 1 comb (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- 1 nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- 1 bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- 1 toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- 6 adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

- \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

(NOTE: Toothpaste is purchased in bulk to be added to health kits to ensure that the product does not expire before they are sent.)

Because the emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations and strict rules govern product entry into international countries, UMCOR requires that the kits contain only the requested items - nothing more.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

\$5 ON THE 5TH SUNDAY: We are participating in the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington appeal: \$5 on the 5th Sunday. They are asking all members to donate \$5 on the 5th Sunday. The first 5th Sunday is January 31st. 2009 total: \$469.00

DO WE HAVE PLENTY OF HUGS TO SHARE?

This Sunday is the last day to participate in *HUGS for Cold Weather*. Hats, Underwear, Gloves & Scarves will be donated to the Freestore at CAIN (Churches Active in Northside). Please bring hang your donations on the Giving Tree in the Senator Place lobby.

DO YOU HAVE A NEW OR GENTLY USED COAT TO DONATE? Sharon Sallee is collecting new or gently used coats for the VA hospital. If you have a coat that is new or has been gently used please contact Sharon.

HAT TIME!

It is cold outside. Judy Putzi has a variety of hand knitted hats for sale. Please see Judy if you would like to buy a nice warm hat.