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I want to share something really exciting that Signal Crest will be participating in on **Wednesday, February 8**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Stop Hunger Now is an organization whose purpose is to, obviously, STOP HUNGER in our lifetime. Crazy you think?? Here is some basic info about the organization... it is a volunteer-based program that coordinates the streamlined packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals consisting of rice, soy, veggies and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are transported to crisis areas around the world or supplied to school feeding programs. Currently, packages have been sent to 76 countries. Each meal cost only a quarter. The organization began in 2005 and since then over 150,000 volunteers have packaged more than 55 million meals.

Now some stats...

- *1 in 7 people in the world suffers from hunger...that's about 925 million folks
- *400 million of these people are children
- *Malnutrition accounts for half of all childhood deaths
- *More than 25,000 people die every day from hunger-related causes
- *There is enough food in the world to feed every person 4.3 pounds of food per day

The list of statistics is much longer... so what are we to do with these numbers? God has called us to take care of the poor and the needy. It is not an option!

So, what can you do on February 8??? It's easy. Ten teams of 12 people are needed to bag food. Whichever team bags the most food will receive \$100 to give to the charity of their choice. All supplies will be furnished. All you and your team do is show up and get ready to bag as many bags as you can! The goal is 10,000 bags. I was told by the coordinator that 120 volunteers can package 10,000 bags in 45 minutes. I know we can do it!!!

If you are willing to take charge as team leader, all you do is get 12 people to come. You can dress in matching clothes, paint your faces...whatever you want to motivate your team spirit! Team members do not have to attend this church. Want to participate but don't have a team? That's ok, too. We will form a stragglers team. That's it!! The rest is done for you!

Remember, we will have dinner that night, so make your reservations. If you have any questions, please give me a shout or call me to tell me you want to help.

All ages can participate!!

So do your part and let's STOP HUNGER NOW!!

Kelley Woodard
Director of Missions and Outreach



WELCOME
New Members

Melinda (Mrs. Don) Grohman
6401 Forest Park Drive, 886-2372
Sunday, January 22, 2012

Melinda (Mindy) joined by transfer
from Northside Presbyterian Church.



Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow, wow, wow, thank you so very much for your generous gift of \$2,367.00 and the vanload of Christmas gifts.

Thanks to your generosity, Morgan-Scott was able to show God's love to over 2,000 children. This was awesome.

I was blessed as I watched the smiles of relief on the parents' face as they picked out 3 gifts for each of their children. Food was also provided to those in need.

Last week a lady came in my office to thank me for the very best Christmas she had experienced with her grandchildren (she takes care of 4) because of Morgan-Scott.

Thank you for enabling Morgan-Scott to spread Christ's love and show the reason for the season.

In God's Service,
Ella
Morgan-Scott Project

Camp Lookout Workday
Saturday, February 25
For details on the schedule,
please see the flyers on bulletin
boards around the church.

CHURCH STAFF

Mark Gooden – *Pastor*
Annette Flynn – *Associate Pastor*
Allan Ledford – *Director of Music*
Michael Huseman – *Organist*
Jonathan Dreiling and Krista Moorman
– *Worship Leaders*
Linda Johnston – *Office Manager*
Rachel Cowart – *Receptionist*
Martha Nagle – *Nursery Coordinator*
Julie Daniel, Julia Jones, Kim Guin,
Debbie Hudson, Annick DePreter –
Childcare
Connie Miller – *Director of Children's*
Ministries
Betsy Sheets, Jana Bruce – *Children's*
Choir Directors
Maggie Hudgins – *Children's Drama*
Director
Kristin Robertson – *Youth Director*
Sam Guin – *Assistant Youth Director and*
Communication Specialist
Kelley Woodard – *Director of Mission*
and Outreach
Megan Eades – *Kitchen Coordinator*
Wanda and Arnold McGowan –
Custodians
Kim Opatich – *Preschool Director*

SIGNAL CREST MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Signal Crest United Methodist Church is to proclaim Christ through prayer, service, teaching and worship, and to provide a welcoming environment that encourages people to use their spiritual gifts to glorify God.

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VISION STATEMENT

Invite people to experience God's grace,
Help seekers grow in discipleship,
Send disciples out into the world.

Make sure your announcement gets included in the newsletter!

Please submit items for the
February 12-25, 2012, edition
by...**Noon on Monday,
February 6, 2012.** You may
email your announcements to:
ljohnston@signalcrestumc.org

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY

9 A.M. – 5 P.M.

FRIDAY

9 A.M. – 4 P.M.



**The UMW will meet February 1, 10 a.m.
at 308 Laurel Street**

No Board Meeting

Program: Prayer and Self-Denial

**Guest Speaker: Barbara Hartman, District Mission Coordinator for
Spiritual Growth**

The offering will be taken and used to support the UMW centers and institutions that help women, children and youth.

The Mary Circle will meet on Monday, February 6, at 11 a.m. at Alexian in the 7th floor day room.

Directory Update

If you ordered portraits from your directory sitting, they will be ready for pick-up on February 14, from 3-7 p.m. They will be handed out in the tiled narthex. If that time is not convenient, please call Laurel Zahrobsky at 718-4333.

Gift for Bishop Swanson

Bishop James Swanson has inspired Holston Conference with his preaching, leadership, and passion for the past eight years and the time has come to honor him. The Holston Conference Committee on Episcopacy will be collecting donations towards an appreciation gift for Bishop Swanson as he completes his tenure in Holston Conference.

We will be collecting an offering on Sunday, February 12. Please make checks payable to Signal Crest UMC and mark on the memo line "Gift of Love".

Funds received for this Gift of Love will be divided between two funds:

- 1) A new fund will be established in memory of Bishop Swanson's mother and will be used to support issues and concerns surrounding domestic violence.
- 2) Half of the monies will be used to supplement the already existing fund in honor of Bishop Swanson's father which goes to support continuing education for clergy.

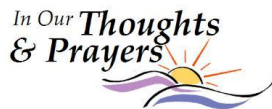
Both of these matters are dear to Bishop Swanson's heart. Please help us show him how dear he is to our hearts by generously and gratefully giving to this Gift of Love.

Vamos a Mexico!

Each July our church makes a pilgrimage to Casa de Hogar La Familia, a children's home housing 33 children. If you would like to go, please send an email to Kelley Woodard at wareaglefam@epbfi.com. Even if you are not sure, please let us know you are thinking about going – it helps with planning. If you would like more information, please contact Rev. Annette Flynn in the church office.

The Mexico Mission Team is in the process of planning the 2nd annual Silent Auction/Taco Lunch fundraiser to be held in May. If you have any personal or corporate items that you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Cheryl Turner at 886-6147 or at cherylsturner@hotmail.com. Thank you very much for supporting this important mission project.

The United Methodist Men will meet on Saturday, February 11, at 8 a.m. in the Crest Center for the monthly breakfast/meeting.



Paul Pearce; Jack Gilleland; Linda Veatch; Marion Crumbley; Gloria Montgomery; Jean Thomas Parrott; Sibyl Carr; Jon Smith; Emilie Powell; Corbin Cullum's friend, Christian Bryant; Keith Wallace's brother, Charles; Nancy Krebs' stepson, Brian Krebs; Tony Scott's niece, Leesa Coffman; Tony Scott's sister, Kay Hughes; Kim Stinnett's father-in-law, Marvin Stinnett; Rachel Cowart's friend, Beth Ford; Jennifer Phillips' friend, Lisa Ward Musgrove; Those on our monthly Prayer Calendar; All who are serving in our military and in the Peace Corps; Those from Signal Crest serving in the military: Eric Delwiche; Tyler Forsythe, David Fielder, Tim Wolfgang, Zach Mayo, serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uganda. (You may pick up a copy of the Signal Crest Monthly Prayer Calendar from the table in the narthex.)



**Preschool
News**

Happy New Year from your Preschool! We are back in school – rested and ready for some winter fun! Soon our hallways will be filled with snow, snowmen, and other winter-related art and projects.

In our chapel lessons, we will be learning about Jesus' miracles, His disciples, and the Lord's Prayer. We meet each Thursday in the sanctuary for singing and our Bible story. Some weeks the church staff leads us and some weeks the children lead. It is a special time for us.

Thank you to all who supported our fundraiser of mailbox greenery swags. It was successful and raised some money to help purchase shade for the playground. We hope you were pleased with your swag!

Registration for the 2012-2013 school year will be the first full week of February for current families, church members, and our alum. General registration will be the second week of February. For more information or to receive registration materials, call Kim Opatich at 886-2816.

Our annual assessment is scheduled for Thursday, February 23. The teachers work very hard all year long preparing the lessons and the classrooms. If you have ever been here while school is in session, you have seen how fun they make learning for the little ones. They do a wonderful job. We ask for your prayers for them as they prepare for this big day!



Serving on Sunday, January 29, 2012

Sound System Operator: (8:30) Nancy Berg; (9:00) David Robertson, (11:00) Russell Robertson
Acolytes: Sarah Goodrich, Noah Huseman
Greeter (tiled narthex-9:30): Barbara Anderson
Greeters (in narthex-10:45): Jim and Sheryl Kreis
Bus Driver: Les Wallace
Ushers for January: Bill Heck, Captain; Todd Duff, Jim Crumbley, Jack Chrisman, Buddy Mayo, Donna Mayo
Altar Guild for January: Barbara Anderson, Gloria Montgomery, Ann Lee

Serving on Sunday, February 5, 2012

Sound System Operator: (8:30) Byron Dorough; (9:00) Tim Tomisek, (11:00) Don Close
Acolytes: Isabelle Drayer, Charlotte Smith
Greeter (tiled narthex-9:30): Travis Boles
Greeters (in narthex-10:45): Win and Nelle Cooke
Bus Driver: Hamp Kling
Ushers for February: Don Close, Captain; Ralph Woodard, George Wilkerson, Brian Eades, Tillie Grant, Whit Miller, Allison Roberts
Altar Guild for February: Alice Conner, Eleanor Bowden

Starting Point begins Sunday, February 5

Starting Point is a 3-week introduction to Signal Crest for the purpose of acquainting guests and newer members with our church. It is offered during the second month of each quarter: February, May, August, and November. Held in fellowship hall Room 104 at 10:00 am on Sundays.

Week 1: Signal Crest Overview

Hear about where Signal Crest is on the theological spectrum. We are firmly United Methodist and stand theologically with other mainline, orthodox Christianity.

Week 2: Who's Who & What's What

Meet the church staff and hear about ministries going on at Signal Crest

Week 3: Campus Tour, Question and Answer



ALTAR FLOWERS

Openings through June:

February 19, 26; March 4, 11, 25; April 1, 15, 22;
 May 6, 13, 27; June 3, 10

Sign up on the flower calendar in the reception area.



**DIRECTOR OF
CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES**

Connie Miller

(Go to www.signalcrestumc.org for more information)

Our SOUPER BOWL of Caring Event will take place during Sunday school and church on Sunday, February 5. The children sponsor this annual event, and we will be collecting quarters for STOP HUNGER NOW. All children are invited to wear their favorite sports jersey to church that morning. Look for our 5th graders with soup pots who will be taking up the collection during and after each service and Sunday school time.

During WNL on February 8, all children and families are invited to participate in our STOP HUNGER NOW event. Please contact Kelley Woodard if you would like to come and be on a team. Children are welcome to come as long as they have a participating parent. We will not have WILD 1's that night.

Mark Your Calendars:

February 1: WILD 1's 6:30-7:15

February 5: SOUPER BOWL of Caring 9-12

February 8: STOP HUNGER NOW WNL

February 15: WILD 1's

February 17-18: Confirmation Retreat

February 22: Ash Wednesday Service WNL (no WILD 1's)

June 25-28: Vacation Bible School

Share the Love with Jewels for Tools

Don't miss "Share the Love with Jewels for Tools" Fundraiser Sunday, January 29, 10-2 pm in The Crest Center. Beautifully handcrafted Silpada Sterling Silver Jewelry will be on display. Orders will be delivered in time for Valentine's Day. Free gift wrapping will be available. 100% of the profits from the sale will be used to purchase Kitchen Tools and appliances for The Crest Center.

Jewels for Tools Wish List

We want to thank you in advance for participating in the "Jewels for Tools" fundraiser for the Signal Crest UMC kitchen. Although we have a wonderful new space to work in and great equipment, there are still a few items we need to finish out the project. We hope these items will benefit not only the congregation here at Signal Crest, but also allow our church to provide a fully-functional kitchen that can support community-wide activities.

We would like to purchase:

Stackable washer/dryer unit

In our mission to be "green", we primarily use cloth towels. The unit could also be used by our nursery staff for laundering baby blankets and towels.

Refrigerator for the downstairs kitchen

The downstairs kitchen no longer has a refrigerator but the space is still utilized by groups using the fellowship hall, including adult Sunday School classes, various small groups, and kids' activities.

Small Appliances and Miscellaneous Items

Food Processor

Commercial Stand Mixer

Coffee Cart

Long-Handled Whisks

Spatulas

Salt/Pepper Shakers

Wednesday Night Live...

You can make reservations three ways: on our website, www.signalcrestumc.org; by filling out a blue card in the pew on Sundays; or calling the church office by noon on Mondays.

MENU-February 1: Salad Market Meatloaf, Steamed Green Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Orange Slices and Ice Cream Bars.

PROGRAM: Hiwassee College

MENU-February 8: Chili with Sour Cream and Cheddar Cheese, Tortilla Chips, Fresh Veggies, Applesauce and Blackberry Cobbler.

PROGRAM: Stop Hunger Now – Mission Project for the entire family to do.

Musikgarten Resumes

The nine-week schedule of classes begin on
Friday, February 3, at 308 Laurel Street

Class for Children 25-36 months: 9-9:35 a.m.

Class for Children 15-24 month: 9:35-10:05 a.m.

Cost: \$45.00 and can be made at the first class

Instructors: Chamar Drane and Jodee Sanders

For information and to register your child, call the church office at 886-2330.

CHURCH CALENDAR – 2 WEEKS

Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30 AM – Worship

9:00 AM – The Crest

10:00 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

5:00 PM – Kidz Jam

5:00 PM – Preschool Board Meeting – library

5:00 PM – Youth Snack Supper – The Loft

5:30 PM – Youth – The Loft

7:00 PM – Playhouse Rehearsal – Choir Room

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM – Career Transitions – fell. hall

1:30 PM – Spiritual Practices – library

3:30 PM – Pilates and Prayer – narthex

5:30 PM – Disciple II – library

6:30 PM – Cub Scout Dens – fellowship hall

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM – Holy Communion – sanctuary

1 –2 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry –library

Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM – Program Staff Meeting – The Loft

10:00 AM – UMW Meeting – 308 Laurel

5:00 PM – Handbell Practice – Bell Room

5:45 PM – Dinner (Please make reservations)

6:30 PM – WNL Programs: Wild 1's, Youth and Adult

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, February 2

7:00 PM – Cub Scout Committee Meeting – fell. hall

Friday, February 3

9:00 AM – Musikgarten – 308 Laurel

Saturday, February 4

8:30 AM – Woodcutting Ministry

Sunday, February 5, 2012 – Souper Bowl Sunday

8:30 AM – Worship

9:00 AM – The Crest

10:00 AM – Sunday School

11:00 AM – Worship

5:00 PM – Kidz Jam

6-8 PM – Youth Super Bowl Party – The Loft

Monday, February 6

8:30 AM – Career Transitions – fell. hall

11:00 AM – Mary Circle @ Alexian

1:30 PM – Spiritual Practices – library

3:30 PM – Pilates and Prayer – narthex

5:30 PM – Disciple II – library

6:30 PM – Cub Scout Dens – fellowship hall

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts – Scout Hut

Tuesday, February 7

8:30 AM – Holy Communion – sanctuary

1 –2 PM – Prayer Shawl Ministry –library

Wednesday, February 8

9:30 AM – Staff Meeting – library

5:00 PM – Handbell Practice – Bell Room

5:45 PM – Dinner (Please make reservations)

6:30 PM – WNL Program: Stop Hunger Now-Crest Center

7:00 PM – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, February 9

5-9 WyldLife – 308 Laurel

Friday, February 10

9:00 AM – Musikgarten – 308 Laurel

10:30 AM – Susannah Wesley Circle – Children's Library

Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby – fell. hall

Saturday, February 11

8:00 AM – United Methodist Men – Crest Center

Girl Scouts Powder Puff Derby – fellowship hall