



After the Quake: Haiti relief needs congregation's prayers and donations to fulfill UMCOR's mission

By Stephanie Vazquez

The devastating earthquake on Jan. 12 that hit Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and its outlying towns has left a country that was already in desperate need of life essentials (running water, electricity) in greater distress. While the news of destruction is still coming in, the church is actively working to help meet the needs of the Haitian people.

The United Methodist Church has a strong missionary presence in Haiti, for it's been working diligently to improve health services there. Sadly, two of its faithful, Sam Dixon and Clint Rabb, Christian ministers with the United Methodist Church's mission and humanitarian organization, the General Board of Global Ministries, died of injuries received during the natural disaster.

According to a memorial blog at www.umcor.org, the men were "trapped with four other people, who survived, for 55 hours



in the ruins of the Hotel Montana." Dixon served as head of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) and Rabb guided mission volunteers.

Your help is needed even more. Through UMCOR, you can support these missionary *(continued on page 2)*

THE SENIOR PASTOR'S COLUMN

Explore the "Means of Grace" through Lenten sermons



Pretty soon I will be burning last year's palm branches to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday. Lent begins with the solemn reminder that "you are dust, and to dust you shall return." And then comes a season of penitence, introspection, and preparation for the greatest Christian celebration of all, Easter.

During the Sundays of Lent, I will be preaching a sermon series. Usually, I stick close to the lectionary readings assigned for the Sundays,

most often focusing on the gospel. But as a result of our conversations last year in small groups and open meetings as part of our Natural Church Development self-assessment, I will preach on each one of what John Wesley called "the means of grace."

What we said about ourselves was that we are good at doing things in the world, pretty well organized as a congregation, and have good worship and music, but we are weak on "spiritual issues." We are not clear on what "spirituality" means. Well, John Wesley was very clear, so that will be the inspiration for my series.

What are the means of grace? Wesley felt that there are certain traditional "practices" *(continued on page 2)*



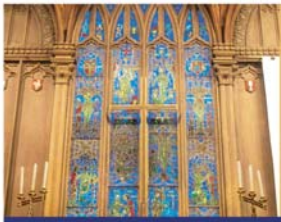
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efforts: by continuing to pray for the Haitian people and the missionary workers; making monetary donations to UMCOR and/or collecting the necessary items for a health kit. Checks can be sent to the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, and they will be forwarded to UMCOR, with 100% of the donations made going to support relief and development efforts. We will be collecting the items for the health kits in bulk. You may bring the supplies to the Chicago Temple. For updates on Haiti Relief, visit www.umcor.org or contact stephanie@chicagotemple.org.

And at 12:15 p.m., on Feb. 10, the Temple will host an Interfaith Service for Haiti. Please plan to attend.

ITEMS TO COLLECT:

- One-gallon sealed plastic bags
- Hand towel (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27," no kitchen towels)
- Washcloths
- Combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- Nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- Bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- Toothbrush (single brushes only in original wrapper, no child-size brushes)
- Adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages
- Toothpaste

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENSING THE FUTURE will be the focus of the 2010 Leadership Retreat from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Feb. 20. Attendance is open to all and Church Council members are **ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**. Join with your fellow church leaders as we plan for the future of FUMC!

ATTENTION HYDE PARK RESIDENTS! You are invited to a Hyde Park Tea Fellowship, Sunday, Feb. 7, at 4:00 p.m. Lisa Lenoir will host. Join us for a time of fellowship and getting to know your neighbors who worship at the Temple. We'll gather over refreshments, and have time to talk about the interest in a regular Hyde Park fellowship group, and needs you have that such a group might meet, whether it be a Bible study, prayer group, service-oriented group, just plain fellowship time, or whatever else you might dream up! Please call the church office, or email lenol66@aol.com or katherineraley@gmail.com for more information.

SILENT AUCTION FOR TUTORING CENTER. Beginning Jan. 31 through Feb. 28, works of art will be available for silent auction. There will be five or six items that have been made by parents and the students of the Tutoring Center. The pieces are of professional quality and you will have trouble deciding which piece to make a bid on! There will be a starting bid for each item. The items will be in the second floor lobby only on Sundays. Please come and support the Tutoring Center and receive a beautiful art piece made by special people to the church.

Explore the "Means of Grace" *(continued from page 1)*

which open us up to understanding God's intentions for us. While any experience or circumstance can be an opportunity for revelation, there are some disciplines to which faithful people have attested over the years.

Prayer, for instance, is one of the means. How do we pray? What are the different forms of prayer? How can prayer be a genuine expression of our faith rather than some formula that feels not quite right?

Attending worship as an avenue for discovering faith, not just as a demonstration of being a good member of the church . . . that is another means. What happens in worship and why is it the way it is?

And then, there is what John Wesley called "constant Communion." He did not mean that we spend all of our time in church bowing before the altar of God, but we should know that the sacrament is traditionally called "the Eucharist," which means "thanksgiving." Communion is a ritual by which we express our gratitude to God before all else, it is an act of praise ("doxology").

Reading the Bible and knowing how to read the text . . . that is a key discipline. It is not good enough just to read verses randomly and out of context. We need to know what we are reading, what the author intended, how scholars have interpreted it over the centuries, and what we should make of it now.

Sometimes God can speak a "new word" through the old words.

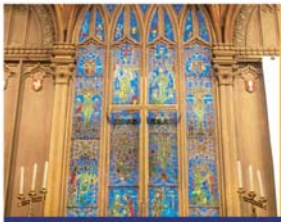
Wesley commended fasting as a means of grace, though not everyone can do that for health reasons. But he was concerned by excesses of all sorts, not just in eating but also in spending, wasting time, and frivolity. I suspect that he was not much fun to be around, but there is a reason that the document by which the United Methodist Church organizes itself is called *The Book of Discipline*.

The sixth means of grace is what he termed "Christian conferencing," that is, people getting together to talk about their faith. This is not simple chatting with one another, but deep sharing of significant things that matter to us. This is one part of our experience at the Temple that members said they most yearned to have expanded.

These means of grace are practices that each of us can focus on during Lent. My intention is to describe them in ways on Sunday mornings so that they will make sense and be possible for us to live out in our daily experience.

Peace,

Phil Blackwell



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African American Heritage Month activities aim to rejuvenate the human spirit

In honor of African American Heritage Month, organizers want to help revitalize and inspire the human spirit. Thus, this month's celebration will be called "Rejuvenation 2010: Mind, Body and Soul." Driving home this enriching concept will be a host of events featuring speakers, a Soul Food luncheon and a hallelujah-filled concert performed by the Gospel Choir of First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple.

REJUVENATION 2010



MIND BODY AND SOUL

"For many people, 2010 is a year of re-assessment and 'getting our house in order' – whether financially, physically, emotionally and/or spiritually," the organizers say. "Our tribute to African American heritage will reflect this focus on holistic health and well-being, and should offer something from which everyone can benefit."

Here are the month's highlights:



Guest speaker **Albert "Al" R. Grace Jr.**, is co-founder and president of **Loop Capital Markets**, the largest minority-owned investment banking firm in the United States. On **Sunday, Feb. 7 during the 11 a.m. worship service**, he will share his life and faith journey, and provide us with ideas on how to be good financial stewards during these challenging economic times.

The Health & Wellness Committee partners with the African American Heritage Month organizers to sponsor the **Soul Food**

Luncheon, from 12:15-1:30 p.m., Sunday Feb. 14 in James Parlor. One of the speakers will be **Charlotte Lyons, food editor of Ebony magazine.** She will discuss the origin of soul food, its significance to the African American community and how it can be healthy and flavorful. Information on how to improve our physical health, and prevent or lower the risk for diseases prevalent in the African American community will also be highlighted. Look in the bulletin for more information about the luncheon's cost and how to sign up.

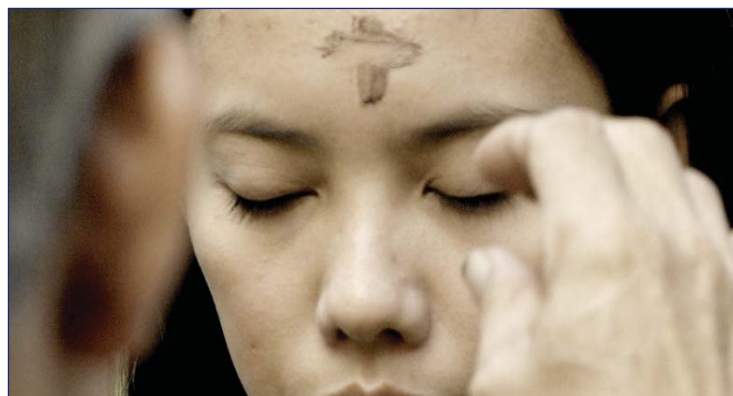


On **Sunday, Feb. 21**, a representative from the **Chicago Department of Public Health** will address some of the key mental health issues impacting the African American community and ways to help resolve these issues. This discussion, which includes Q & A, will be held in **James Parlor, 12:15-1:30 p.m.**

On Sunday, February 28 visit the **creative art works on display in James Parlor by the children, teens and adults of the Englewood community.** Viewing will follow the 11 a.m. worship service, and you will have an opportunity to meet community residents who designed this showing, under the direction of artist and Temple member Patricia Devine-Reed. Be sure to then attend the **Temple's Gospel Choir** concert at **2 p.m.** that day in the sanctuary, featuring director Kelly Tiebout, soloists Jennifer Booth, Denise Yates, Henry Pleas, and Khary Laurent, bassist Brad Opland and drummer Charlie Braugham and the Gospel Choir. The concert is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served following this event in the Mabuhay Room at the back of the sanctuary.



Q&A: Understanding the significance of Ash Wednesday



By Stephanie Vazquez

What is Ash Wednesday? It is a day of repentance and to remind us of ultimate mortality. Palm branches from last year's Palm Sunday worship service are burned and the sign of the cross is placed on the forehead using the ashes. Ash Wednesday is often associated with the Roman Catholic Church. However, more Protestant churches are participating in the ritual of imposing ashes. According to the United Methodist Church's Web site:

This is in keeping with a growing recognition that people have multiple ways of learning and praying. Worship that is oriented to the intellect or to the emotions, both interior,

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Pew Profiles . . . **Denise R. King**

By Lisa D. Lenoir

Denise R. King used to play the role of teacher with her brothers while growing up. So, it is no wonder this childhood fun would later become the spark to launch a lifelong career as an educator in the Chicago Public Schools system.

For 29 years, the Chicago native has been bringing creative learning experiences to others in and out of the classroom. Her focus and compassion have been centered in the city's Englewood neighborhood, where she's been an advocate for the students and community residents.

"I always wanted to give as many opportunities as I could to the students I came in contact with," says King, who is the wife of the Rev. Claude R. King. "I want my students to be excited about coming to school and look at it as a sanctuary from all the trials and tribulation that they may have in their little lives."

And she's been successful in doing so. King has received superior ratings from her colleagues and has been nominated numerous times for the prestigious Golden Apple Award. And she even has rallied the community to save a school from closing by distributing flyers, writing press releases, going door to door and speaking to the press.

King's grassroots efforts left an imprint, motivating the community to form the Greater Englewood Family Task Force.

Now, she teaches 34 Head Start students at Claremont Math and Science Academy. There, students eat nutritious meals, learn hygiene skills and obtain lessons in sight words, colors, numbers, shapes and the alphabet presented through many creative and self-selected activities. They also participate in music and movements.

She believes in teaching them to give back, too. Her students have received accolades for their fundraising efforts to aid

Tsunami victims, Liberian school children as well as other causes.

"My joys are simple – it's when I teach a skill and they Get It! My challenges are much harder – I want all the students at Claremont to have a safe passage to and from school. I want them to have the materials, school uniforms, exciting learning experiences and life skills needed to help them to be successful people."

Several of those desires have been fulfilled through the Temple's congregation, which have given her students school supplies, hats, gloves, Christmas gifts and movie gift cards. "They knew that there were people who cared about them outside their community."

Building up the community is important, for she knows negative perceptions loom about Englewood and its residents. But she tries to dispel it.

"Yes, it can be a very violent community, but it also has many caring residents," King says. "These residents have the same dreams and wishes for their children that we do!"

"Through my faith and with the love and support of my family, I know if I can affect a positive change with even one student that my work at Claremont has been worthwhile," she adds. "This motivates me to continue working in the education field and in Englewood."

If you want to keep up with Mrs. King's work in education, go to her Web site at www.deniseoasis.com.



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leaves out those who engage in prayer through vision, smell, touch, movement, etc. We are increasingly aware that people are formed in faith when practices become embedded in memory, nerves, muscles and bone through sensory engagement. United Methodists have had resources for worship that include the imposition of ashes since 1979 when *Ashes to Fire* was published as Supplemental Worship Resource 8. This practice became part of our official worship resources in 1992 when General Conference adopted *The United Methodist Book of Worship (UMBOW)*.

Why ashes? In Jewish and Christian history, ashes are a sign of mortality and repentance; mortality, because when we die, our bodies will decompose and we become dust, and repentance

because people in biblical times put on ashes and sackcloth as signs of their contrition.

When is Ash Wednesday? This year Ash Wednesday is on February 17, and the Chicago Temple will observe Ash Wednesday as follows:

7:30 to 9 a.m. – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

12:10-12:45 p.m. – Worship in the Sanctuary, Holy Communion with imposition of ashes.
Sermon: The Rev. Philip L. Blackwell

6 p.m. – Holy Communion with imposition of ashes

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Lenten study guide to deepen understanding of discipleship



Taking time for studying and reading of the Bible is one of the "means of grace" described by John Wesley as a spiritual discipline for the purpose of following God and bringing one closer to God's call to service. *A Blueprint for Discipleship: Wesley's General Rules as a Guide for Christian Living*, by Kevin M. Watson, is a practical guide to renewal of maintaining a sense of balance within the Christian faith.

Watson clarifies the structure of accountability that is present within the Wesleyan approach to Christian life. This Lenten season you will be transformed by taking the time to set aside an hour on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30 a.m., or on Saturdays from 9-10 a.m. for another opportunity for study. When you study in a small group, you are able to share how Scripture shapes your life and brings your spirituality into the daily flow of being a Christian. We always bring questions with us – about the Scripture text itself, how your life is challenged, and how your life is affirmed and expressed in spiritual renewal.

Feel free to join an existing Sunday school class, or form one in James Parlor, Pierce Hall, Room 2, or visit the Saturday morning class. If you are attending on Saturday morning, please contact Rev. Cheryl Magrini (Cheryl@chicagotemple.org) to inform her. The Saturday group starts right at 9 a.m.

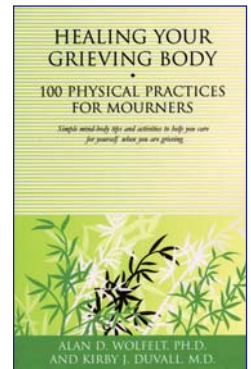
Mind, body and grief connection discussed in support group

This January, the Grief Support Group started using the book, *Healing Your Grieving Body: 100 Physical Practices for Mourners* written by Alan D. Wolfelt, Ph. D. and Kirby J Duvall, M.D., to guide its discussions.

When someone is experiencing grief, it is important to take care of his or her physical well-being. The authors write, "When you are grieving, your body often lets you know it feels distressed, too. In fact, you may be shocked by how much your body responds to the impact of your loss. The mind-body connection in grief is profoundly strong, but taking care of your body in the 100 ways described in this compassionate, practical guide will help you soothe your body as you heal your heart and soul."

Come and join us for our next Grief Support Group meetings every first and third Monday of the month from 6-8 p.m. in James Parlor on the second floor. The meetings are co-led by John DeBerry (Professional Grief Counselor and Consultant) and the Rev. Anne Hampson (National Certified Counselor Pastoral Psychotherapist and an Ordained Deacon of the United Methodist Church).

For more info about the Bereavement Ministry of the Chicago Temple, contact the Rev. Cerna Castro Rand or the co-chairs of the Bereavement Ministry, Joleen Willis or Krista Cobb.



CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS

Please Remember These Persons In Your Prayers

Peg Isaacson's father	Pat Patton's friend Ruth	Delbert Brown
Ralph Neyland	Stamper's son, Scott Austin	Florence Bos
Nati Oro	Chili Shears' father & sister	Teresita Crisostomo
Jim Daniels	Verlane Franklin	Extended Care or Rehab
Marti Zimmerman	Maria & Elizabeth Elizondo	Edna Walters
Ausbie & Etta Lenoir	Beth Jacobs' mother	Henrietta Brown
Sheila Lockhart	Louise Foote	James Humble
Amy Schutt	Azucena Munoz Tressler,	Mildred Kretz
Dorothy Emmons, Mother	and her mother and sister	Esther Penaloza
of Charles Emmons	Yvonne Scott	Edward Clay Jr.
Ed Gabriel, Diana	Stella Amaefule	Irene Stull
Johnson's friend	Aida Roque	Alice Inouye
Joann Contos	Jessica Taylor	John Romans
Marilyn Dugas	Martha & Rudolph Chavez	Priscilla Zapatka
Ponnamma Benjamin	Darlene Grass' grand-	Mourning the loss of
Annie M. Geiger	daughter, Abbey	a loved one
Randy Heller & Maureen	Erik & Allen Galloway	Edward Scibisz, mourning
Moroney, friends of Ron	Joyce Rimel	the loss of his mother
& Diana Johnson	Edith Smith's husband	Jim Cunningham, mourning
Anita Phillips	Tim Weiss	the loss of his mother
Dorothy White	At Home	
Jason Chamberlain	Barbara Schubert	

Members Celebrating A Birthday

February 1	February 7	February 12	February 17
Michael Herman	Linda Fehr	Yolanda Frontany	Edward Otto
Ronald Zywicki	Rudolph Chavez, Sr.	Alex Paredes	Kayleigh Tormey
Laurel Mehler	Bruce Nelson	February 13	February 18
Elizabeth Elizondo	Nolan Tavas	Patrick Ris Smith	Zeenatara Khan
Celia Benito	February 8	Roseanna Yoder	Patricia Simmons
Kim Gerred	Katharine Schechter	Alston Twiss	February 19
February 2	February 9	Melissa Whelan	Chester Simmons
Celia Herman	Peter Adams	February 14	Nancy Otto
February 3	Charles Parrish, III	Doris Galloway	Greg Ward
Nicholas Nelson	February 10	Wendy Turner-	February 20
February 4	Rudyard Fraher	Pearson	John Leech
Teodoro Abellera	Mae Mackey	February 15	Charles Jarik
Velda Babin	Megan Starner	Erik Galloway	February 22
Andy Williams	Charlotte Henderson	Nancy Taylor	Cynthia Rudolph
February 5	February 11	Jena Kluska	February 26
Roy Smith	Pat Rollin	February 16	Laurie Breitenstein
February 6	Samuel Williams	Beverly Swan	February 28
David Mohr	Lourdes Bravo-	Brooke Hines	Ethel Louis
Alexandra Chang	Flores		

CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Monday, February 1

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

Tuesday, February 2

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 11 am-Mary Martha Circle. James
 6 pm-Staff Parish Relations Committee. James
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, February 3

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 4

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Friday, February 5

6:30 pm-TAIZE WORSHIP SERVICE. Dixon

Saturday, February 6

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, February 7

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-College-Age Group. 420

Monday, February 8

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.
 6 pm-Finance Committee Meeting. 420

Tuesday, February 9

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm

Wednesday, February 10

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 11

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, February 13

12 noon-2 pm-Science and Religion Group.?
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, February 14

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm- Fine Arts Committee. 3rd fl. Conf. Rm.

Monday, February 15

President's Day
Office Closed
 6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Bereavement Support Group. James

Tuesday, February 16

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, February 17

Ash Wednesday
 7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE

3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce

6 pm-WORSHIP SERVICE
 7 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 18

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel
 6 pm-Church Council. James

Saturday, February 20

8:30 am-12:30 pm-Leadership Retreat. James
 5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, February 21

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Mabuhay Fellowship. Choir Rm.

Monday, February 22

6 pm-Disciple VII. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Temple Handbell Ens. Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Tuesday, February 23

10:30 am-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6 pm-Disciple I. Pierce 2
 6:30 pm-Gospel Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Wednesday, February 24

7:30-9 am-HOLY COMMUNION. Sanctuary
 12:10 pm-NOONTIME WORSHIP SERVICE
 3 pm-Tutoring Center. Pierce
 6 pm-Temple Choir Rehearsal. Choir Rm.

Thursday, February 25

5:30 pm-EVENING PRAYER SERVICE. Sky Chapel

Saturday, February 27

5 pm-SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP. Dixon

Sunday, February 28

8 am-12:15 pm- Nursery open. 4th Flr.
 8:30 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 9:30 am-Sunday School Classes
 11 am-SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
 12:15 pm-Confirmation Class. Pierce 2
 2 pm-Gospel Choir Concert. Sanctuary

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