

**Has your church mailbox moved?** Some have! Every effort has been made to place your mailbox in alphabetical sequence. If you don't have a mailbox and would like one, please contact the church office.

**Prayer group** — Lorrie Peters would like to organize a group to pray for UMHC and the Daron Shelter (similar to Moms in Touch). Call Lorrie (766-4715) or Sue Chapman (620-8097) for information.

**Registration for next year's pre-school** has begun. Children from 18 months to 5 years of age are eligible. Forms are available in the coffee area, or see Charlie Ryder.

**Attention: All Married/Engaged Couples!** Give a special gift to each other — "Weekend to Remember" marriage conference (Feb. 15-17). Discount deadline extended — call 1-800-FL-TODAY, mention group discount code 13615. Brochures in the narthex or contact Steve Noss at 697-5982.

**Free! Three desks available** — 2 wooden, 1 metal. If you would like one, please contact Charlie to arrange for pick-up (766-4611).

**Prevention health screenings** will be offered again this year on February 14 beginning at 9:00 am. Flyers with details are in the Narthex. Contact Tina Eaton with questions, or contact Kevin Felmler at Prevention Health Group (432-7394 or kfelsmler@comcast.net). An appointment for this screening is required so plan ahead and make that call!



Help support this youth mission today.

Drop a donation in a soup pot after worship.

Also, the youth will be serving up soup for take-out in the multi-purpose room.

## The Crosses of Lent

"If we are not talking about the cross, we are off the subject." During the season of Lent, beginning this week at the Ash Wednesday service, we are going to be talking about the cross. Through the centuries there are many designs and depictions of the cross which have developed. Each of the nine has its own meaning and purpose: the Celtic Cross, the Anchor Cross, the Tau Cross, the Maltese Cross, etc. During the season of Lent and on Easter we will focus on these cross designs, explore the faith journeys of those who developed them, and walk with Jesus again the way of the cross.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**Created By God** — one of the best things First Church offers families of 5th and 6th graders. Contact Kim Vensel with questions or for registration information.

**Indoor Floor Hockey** for boys or girls in grades 5 through 9 will be on Thursday nights at 7:30 pm in the multi-purpose room.

### MISSIONS

**Service Opportunity:** cleaning crew needed at New Hope the third Monday of every month. Contact Deb Kenes (766-6728) or Laurie Wentzell at New Hope (766-7333) for more information.



## First Church's 2008 Devotionals for Lent

Those that were not picked up last week have been mailed. Extra copies are available in the Narthex.



*First United Methodist Church,  
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**WEEKLY EDITION**

**Altar flowers** are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hugh Hollinger, Dorothea & Charles Stambaugh, Opal & John Hollinger, placed by Lois Hollinger Morland & Family.

**The rose on the altar** is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of James Brian DeWire, born January 21, 2008. Congratulations to the proud parents, Tim and Linda DeWire.

**Hospitalized:** Buss Konhaus is receiving Hospice Care.

**Recovering at Home:** Ed Stansfield

**Blood pressure checks** will be available next Sunday in the library between worship services.

**Please remember** to turn off all electronic devices during church services.

**2007 Contribution Statements** have been placed in the mailboxes. Please pick yours up today — help First Church save postage!

**Martha Circle** will meet on February 5 at 7 pm at the home of Fran Davis, 58 Burwick Drive. New members welcome. Call Marley Ann Schmick at 697-2233 for information.

**Ruth Circle** will meet for lunch on February 6 at Colony House at 12 noon. The meeting at the church will follow at 1:30 pm in Room 105. Please call Gwen at 790-0265 if you cannot attend.

**The Widows/Widowers** group will be dining at Snappers Restaurant in Mechanicsburg on February 12 at 6 pm. If you plan to attend, call please Bonnie Guyer at 766-0145

**Have you ordered your pies!** Orders are being taken for apple or cherry pies to be made on February 16. Call Kathie at 697-6257 or see a bell choir member today to order.