



# Midway Messenger

The Good News of Midway United Methodist Church

January 2010



## "Just a Thought"

2009 was a blessed year at Midway UMC - Alpharetta. You rose to challenges and provided hope for others in desperate times. You have supported family, friends, and neighbors; you have supported individuals you have never met. You have done that graciously and I appreciate that generosity.

In 2010, my prayer is that we will build on the successes and graces already given to us by God. I believe that God has laid on my heart a mission of the highest calling for our church in 2010. The Scriptural passage (pericope) that forms the basis of the direction for 2010 is John 12: 20-28: (NLT)

**<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover <sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus." <sup>22</sup> Philip told Andrew about it, and they went together to ask Jesus. <sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Son of Man to enter into his glory. <sup>24</sup> The truth is, a kernel of wheat must be planted in the soil. Unless it dies it will be alone—a single seed. But its death will produce many new kernels—a plentiful harvest of new lives. <sup>25</sup> Those who love their life in this world will lose it. Those who despise their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them. <sup>27</sup> Now my soul is deeply troubled. Should I pray, 'Father, save me from what lies ahead'? But that is the very reason why I came! <sup>28</sup> Father, bring glory to your name." Then a voice spoke from heaven, saying, "I have already brought it glory, and I will do it again."**

But the thought is encapsulated in John 12:20-21 (NLT) **<sup>20</sup> Some Greeks who had come to Jerusalem to attend the Passover <sup>21</sup> paid a visit to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee. They said, "Sir, we want to meet Jesus,"** (emphasis mine).

We are living in difficult, challenging times. Truths we once took for granted are being challenged on many sides. People are searching for something vital and real in which they can put their trust. I believe, with all my heart, that the only sustaining, enriching, and unfailing relationship we can find is with God through our connection and relationship with Jesus Christ and having that relationship affirmed and sealed by the Holy Spirit. I believe that there are still people who are saying "We want to meet Jesus" but they do not fully know Who it is they seek.

In 2010, we need to be intentional about creating "avenues and doorways" through which we and others can enter into such a wonderful relationship. The support we give one another is fine, the discipleship that we strive for is admirable, but in 2010 we need to pursue a deeper relationship with God. I would invite you to consider 3 questions in planning and preparing for your ever deepening journey:

1. How does this (activity, event, program, etc.) allow people to see Jesus?
2. How does it allow people to see themselves as Jesus sees them?
3. How does it allow people to see themselves as what Jesus knows they can become and that it is achievable?


Not only for ministry ideas, those questions might be useful in considering any activity in which you might become involved.

It is time that people in our community, through our membership and ministries, do in fact get to meet Jesus. To do that, it is essential that we have met Jesus. Ministry excel 2010!

In Covenant,

*Lee*



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10 8:30, 10:45 Worship Services 9:30 Sunday School 9:30 H 2 O Explosion (Small) 9:30 - 10:30 Registration for We Wonder for Members 10:30 Living H 2 O (Large) 5:30 Confirmation Class 5:30 Men's Bible Study 5:30 SNL 5:30 Disciple I 5:30 Disciple III 5:30 Companions in Christ	11 10 am Moms in Touch  Trustees 7 pm  Upward Practice Mon-Friday	12 10:00 am - We Wonder Tours  Finance 7 pm	13 10:00 am - We Wonder Tours  7:00 Youth Praise Band 7:30 Adult Choir 9:00 Praise Band	14 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:30pm	15 Men's Bible Study 7am	16 2 <sup>nd</sup> Upward Games
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**WOMEN OF WONDER  
TUESDAY - JANUARY 26**

All of the women of the church are invited to Women of Wonder on January 26. Watch the bulletin for time and place.

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## WE WONDER PRESCHOOL FALL REGISTRATION 2010-2011

It's that time of the year again to plan for the upcoming school year. Registration for church members will be in the Narthex, Sunday, January 10, 2010, 9:30 – 10:30 am. In order to register as a church member, you must have been a member for at least three months prior to January, 2010.

Tours for prospective students and families: Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:00 am, January 6 through January 27.

Current student and sibling registration **DEADLINE** – January 22, 2010. Public Registration – February 2, 2010, 8:00 am in the Gym.

For more information, please call Beth or Felicia in the Preschool office, 770-752-0440.

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*Dear Midway UMC Family,*

*There are no words to express the gratitude our family has felt during the loss of my Dad. All the cards, messages, meals, and calls were so appreciated. Everyone's love and support are what will pull us through this difficult time. We certainly felt His presence through you all. Thank you, and God Bless you.*

*Love,  
Christie Love and Family*

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| 1/1 Mark 1:14-28  | 1/17 Mark 7:24-37  |
| 1/2 Mark 1:29-45  | 1/18 Mark 8:22-30  |
| 1/3 Mark 2:1-17   | 1/19 John 17:1-26  |
| 1/4 Mark 3:1-19   | 1/20 Mark 8:31-9:1 |
| 1/5 Mark 3:20-45  | 1/21 Mark 9:2-13   |
| 1/6 Matthew 2:1-5 | 1/22 Mark 9:14-32  |
| 1/7 Mark 4:1-9    | 1/23 Mark 10:17-31 |
| 1/8 Mark 4:10-20  | 1/24 Mark 10:46-52 |
| 1/9 Mark 4:21-34  | 1/25 Acts 9:1-25   |
| 1/10 Mark 4:35-41 | 1/26 Acts 9:26-31  |
| 1/11 Mark 5:1-20  | 1/27 Acts 9:32-43  |
| 1/12 Mark 5:21-43 | 1/28 Acts 10:1-33  |
| 1/13 Mark 6:1-13  | 1/29 Acts 10:34-48 |
| 1/14 Mark 6:30-44 | 1/30 John 21:1-14  |
| 1/15 Mark 6:45-56 | 1/31 John 21:15-25 |
| 1/16 Mark 7:1-23  |                    |

*Church Family,*

*Thank you so much for all the food, cards, and messages you provided for us after the death of Mike's dad. Your support and love has helped us during this very difficult time. A church family is so important, but we have never experienced such love. Thank you all for being a part of God's plan.*

*Sincerely,  
Mike, Dana, Aubrey & Jacob Dalton*



# Atlanta-Roswell District Lay Speaking Ministries Institute – Spring 2010

## Learning and Leading

God is calling each of us to be witnesses who proclaim the presence and power of God through all that we are and all that we do. Is God calling you to a new way of service and asking you to be a Local Church Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Speaker? A Lay Speaker is... an active, supportive, eager to serve member of the church; Well-informed on Scripture, and on the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of the United Methodist Church; Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries, and spoken communications; Willing to improve his/her skills by training for service.

Course Offerings for Spring 2010 – 2/27, 3/6, 3/27

### The Basic Course – Instructor: Gary Fuller, AROS District Lay Leader

This required orientation course focuses on the three primary aspects of lay speaking ministry: leading, caring, and communicating. This study is for persons who want to respond to God's call to become a lay speaker in the United Methodist Church. The Discipline specifically recommends this course for local church Lay Leaders. The 12-hour course provides an overview of: Christian calling and using our spiritual gifts; servant leadership and what it means to be a spiritual leader; caring ministry, acts of compassion and acts of justice; communication skills including listening; evangelism and witnessing; your role in fulfilling the Great Commission, the importance of continued study and spiritual growth in the lives of Christian leaders, and the important role of hospitality in the church. Small group exercises and interaction of participants will promote learning and listening skills. Sharing your faith story will be practiced in a non-threatening manner.

### Advanced Course – Lay Speakers Tell Stories “Dancing With Words,” – Instructor: Mary Williams, Professional Storyteller

This course will help lay speakers to identify and share their stories as well as to develop their skills in storytelling. To share one's faith experience through story, or to share stories that will impact the faith of others, requires both commitment and spiritual accountability. Storytelling in a faith community is not the beginning of discipleship; it is an expression born out of the discipleship experience.

Registration Begins December 1

\*\*Saturdays, 9 am – 1 pm: 2/27, 3/6, 3/27

**Location:** Midway UMC  
5025 Highway, Alpharetta, GA 30004

**Cost:** \$40.00

**Registration deadline:** 2/15

To Register, please select one course and mail your check to Mary Williams at the address below:

Basic Course       Lay Speakers Tell Stories

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Eve Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

*If registering for the Basic Course, please discuss your interest in Lay Speaking ministries with your Pastor prior to registration.*

**\*\*Participants must attend all three sessions to receive credit for a course**

Make Check payable to: **Atlanta Roswell District** - Send to: Mary Williams, AROS Director of Lay Speaking Ministries; P. O. Box 1002; Alpharetta, GA 30009-1002

mrsIswjr@bellsouth.net 770-887-8478 (evenings)

Midway UMC is located on Atlanta Highway (State Road 9), less than 2 miles north of McFarland Parkway. From Georgia 400, exit at McFarland Parkway (second exit for those coming north). For those coming southbound, turn right at end of exit ramp. Northbound, just follow the exit ramp onto McFarland. Continue west on McFarland Parkway for about 2 miles to Atlanta Highway. Turn right on Atlanta Highway. The church is located on the right, with a cemetery in the front. Come in the middle entrance of the large building behind the cemetery and chapel.

## Spring 2010 Consignment Sale March 4, 5 & 6

Consignors Round Up Date:

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010  
10 am-1 pm and 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

It's time again for the Midway United Methodist Spring Children's Consignment Sale. We are one of the most established sales in the North Atlanta area! You can buy and sell children's toys, clothes, (spring & summer only for this sale), furniture, accessories, and maternity too!

Consignors receive **70%** of the sale price. The 30% is a tax deductible donation that goes to benefit MUMC's Children's Ministries and other church ministries. The cost to consign is a \$10 fee (cash or check) which provides you with a packet to print your tags. The consignment sale utilizes My Consignment Manager for tagging. Consignors also get to shop before the public sale dates (Wed. March 3, 2010, 5:30-7:30 pm). If you would like to consign with us, please sign up in person at the church on the above Round-Up date.

***Limited to the first 380 Consignors  
who sign up – don't wait!***

Come Early as we fill up fast! For more information, visit our website at [www.midwayumc.org](http://www.midwayumc.org).



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