

**wFirst United Methodist Church**  
**April 13, 2008**

**A warm welcome! The Lord calls all of us to a new way of living under his wonderful grace in our Savior. If you are a guest, it is a pleasure to have you worshipping with us. Please help us to get to know who you are by introducing yourself at the door and signing the registration sheets.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CELEBRATIONS**

**PRELUDE/ENTANCE OF LIGHT** *Debbie Mink*

**\*WORSHIP AND PRAISE** *“Here I Am to Worship”* *Insert*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *No. 881*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** *Debbie Walker*  
*(Children may be dismissed for Children’s Church at this time)*

**PASTORAL PRAYER** *Rev. Walz*

**\*WORSHIP HYMN** *“Pass It On”* *No. 572*

**OUR GIVING TO GOD IN WORSHIP**

**OFFERTORY** *Debbie Mink*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *No. 95*

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *“Go Into the World”* *Chancel Choir*

**SCRIPTURE** *Ezekiel 33:1-9* *Page 763*

**MESSAGE** *“The Gift of Evangelism”* *Rev. Walz*

**\*OUR RESPONSE IN WORSHIP** *“Here I Am, Lord”* *No. 593*

**\*SENDING FORTH IN WORSHIP/EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*\*Congregation Please Stand*

*Minister: Mark D. Walz*  
*Lay Leader: Clark Allison*  
*Music/Worship Director: Rebecca Haywood*

*Organist/Pianist: Debbie Mink*  
*Nursery: Phyllis Shepherd*  
*Secretary: Vickie Ellis*

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

**Today:**

- 10:55 Morning Worship
- 4:00 Wesley Bells
- 4:00 Confirmation Class for Younger children
- 5:00 Children’s Bells, SOS Youth, Snack Supper- The Collins Family
- 5:00 Finance Committee
- 6:00 Sr. Youth
- 6:00 125 Years Celebration Committee

**Wednesday, April 16**

- 6:00 Bible Study
- 7:00 Choir

**Thursday, April 17**

- 10:00 Sewing Circle

**Record of our Faithfulness: Sunday, April 6** *Morning Worship-129, Sunday School-43*  
*General Fund-\$4,909.00, needed weekly-\$4,798.00, FLC Loan repayment-\$80.00, needed*  
*weekly-\$385.00, 2007 Apportionments- \$460.00, amount to date- \$3,159.00; Habitat Fund -*  
*\$1690.00, needed \$810.00; Parsonage Fund-\$6,545.00*

**Acolytes for Today, April 13** – *Matthew Walz, Gabe Walker*  
**Acolytes for Sunday, April 20** – *Clara Osborne, Hannah Walker*  
**Nursery Volunteer for Today, April 13** – *Robin Clark, Natalie Combs*  
**Nursery Volunteer for Sunday, April 20** – *Susan Holderby, Barbie Brown*  
**Children’s Church for Today, April 13** – *Kristin Garrett*  
**Children’s Church for Sunday, April 20** – *Robin Smith*  
**Greeters for April** – *Sue Martin, Elizabeth Ramey*  
**Ushers for April** – *David Allen, Eddy Clark, Neil Turner, Greg Wilson*

**Our confirmation** class started today for youth during Sunday School and the younger children will be today at 4:00 pm. On May 11, Mother's Day they will join the church and we will baptize those who wish to do so. If you are an adult and wish to join the church or be baptized, please let Rev. Walz know. We will also offer baptism on May 18<sup>th</sup> after worship, again, if you wish to be baptized on this day, please let Rev. Walz know.

**The 125-year celebration committee** will meet **today at 6:00 pm** to start planning our celebration on May 18 during our morning worship. The committee consists of Floyd Davis, Nancy Webb, Cal Herrick, Rebecca Haywood, Susan Greene, Diana Turner, Marthan Damron, Keane Hale and Madelyn Allen.

**We are** collecting money for "Nothing But Nets," Nothing But Nets is a program to buy mosquito nets to stop malaria in Africa. The nets cost \$10.00 each. Our goal is to buy 100 nets. We have enough for only 33 nets to date. Remember \$10.00 helps buy for one net that will keep children and families safe. Make checks out to First United Methodist Church, and mark them "Nothing But Nets." You can check this out at [www.nothingbutnets.net](http://www.nothingbutnets.net).

**The Annual Prestonsburg District Conference** will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 20, 3:00 pm at the Allen Christ UMC. We will enjoy good spirited music led by Karen Bunn and others, retiring District Superintendent, Lowell Ogden, and new District Superintendent, Charlie Douglas, will be sharing their thoughts. In addition, there will be a presentation on the Uganda mission project. **See Bulletin insert for details** about the retirement celebration planned for District Superintendent Lowell Ogden and his wife Ginny.

**If you or someone you** know is a graduate from High School to Graduate School, please let us know so that we may honor their accomplishments on May 25. The Micki Sparks Scholarship award will be presented on this day as well.

**Rev. Jim Adams** has been appointed as our new pastor. Jim, and his wife Joy will move to Prestonsburg on June 24 and his first Sunday to preach will be on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Please welcome Jim and Joy as they come from Grace UMC in the Ashland District. It would be wonderful if they were deluged with cards welcoming them to Prestonsburg First UMC. Their address is 105 Audubon Court, Russell, KY 41169.