Dear Friend in Christ,

In the aftermath of the devastation we have been hearing about in Haiti, we certainly want to reach out as a Church to the people who are facing such devastation. One of the most efficient and direct ways to do this is through contributions to UMCOR, the United Methodist Commission on Relief. UMCOR already maintains a strong presence in Haiti, and our support will help them redouble their efforts in this impoverished country.

Today we have special envelopes to denote an offering to help the people of this region. I am inviting you to join me in putting our resources together as a church. Please be with us to help pray for the people of Haiti, and to help with this offering. Please make your checks out to Montgomery United Methodist Church (MUMC), and please be sure to memo it "Haiti". We will send a check from the church to UMCOR.

UMCOR gives us a 100% pledge - that every dollar we send will go directly to the cause designated. I am including some more information about UMCOR below.

Thank you for caring. See you in church.

Blessings always,
Pastor Tony

UMCOR

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is the not-for-profit global humanitarian aid organization of the United Methodist Church. UMCOR is working in more than 80 countries worldwide, including the United States. Our mission, grounded in the teachings of Jesus, is to alleviate human suffering—whether caused by war, conflict or natural disaster, with open hearts and minds to all people.

UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters that are interruptions of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community’s ability to recover on its own.

Partnership

We partner with local partner organizations and survivors to rebuild their livelihoods, health and homes. In times of acute crisis we mobilize emergency supplies, fresh water, and temporary shelter to stricken areas, and then stay as long as it takes to implement long-term recovery. Our workers are known all over the globe for their compassion, leadership, expertise and guidance in recovery efforts.
Connections
UMCOR works through programs that address hunger, poverty, sustainable agriculture, international and domestic emergencies, refugee and immigrant concerns, global health issues, and transitional development. United Methodist hearts and hands are part of every program implemented; school kit, seed, health kit, fresh water and tool distributed in the US and throughout the world; and every new house, well, clinic and school rebuilt after catastrophes of conflict or nature.

Most importantly, our work connects us in a global network of generous donors and equally generous beneficiaries.

**Funding Promise-100% Efficient**
Every dollar you give to UMCOR goes to the program you designate. UMCOR is 100% efficient.

**Dr. James Fleming, World Renowned Biblical Scholar and Teacher is Coming to MUMC!**
Dr. Fleming’s seminar on March 20th will be filled with many pictures of sites where Jesus walked and visual examples of places and things Jesus knew, bringing the Bible’s message to life in an amazing way. To read more about Dr. Fleming and his studies, thank you Mike, please go to [www.biblicalresources.net/pdf/BRWin09-10.pdf](http://www.biblicalresources.net/pdf/BRWin09-10.pdf) or [www.biblicalresources.net/index.htm](http://www.biblicalresources.net/index.htm).

**Methodist-Motion**
Anyone interested in being involved with the Methodist Motion Laity-Clergy Committee is asked to contact Pastor Tony or send an email to Mike Maloney at mm@methodist-motion.org. This is just the beginning of an exciting new concept for Methodists everywhere. A website has been established and will serve as the catalyst for our mission.

Log on to [www.methodist-motion.org](http://www.methodist-motion.org) to find out just what “Methodist-Motion” is all about. The website will be updated regularly and will include a monthly series with Pastor Tony speaking to the world’s laity.

**Food and Other Needed Donations – Missions & Social Concerns**
In addition to a food pantry at the church where you are welcome to donate or use the provisions for yourself, donations are collected in the large basket at the door and are taken to local food banks. Monetary donations are also appreciated in order to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables for Crawford House.

Hillsborough Township has provided this list of needed items, and the list is posted in Fellowship Hall.

Many thanks from your Missions & Social Concerns Committee for your generosity.

**Budget Items Due Tuesday**
All committee chairs and others who utilize the church budget are asked to email their budget requests in to the church office MUMCINFO@aol.com no later than midnight Tuesday, 19 January 2010. Thank you!

Your Finance Team
Congratulations: Jessica Faith McKelvey is Baptized!
On Sunday, 10 January 2010, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was performed by Pastor Tony for Jessica Faith McKelvey. Jessica is the daughter of Sherri and Tom McKelvey, who have been regularly attending our church. Congratulations and God’s richest blessings to Jessica and her entire family!

Flowers and Greeting Cards
Today’s altar flowers are in celebration of Kay Metz’s 95th birthday. We rejoice to celebrate the birthday of a dear friend of our Church – Mrs. Kay Metz. Kay is 95 years young. Kay is the mother of Kathy Metz, wife of Steve Heckel. She is a beloved member of our church family, and we thank God for her as we celebrate this milestone birthday. Kay, God loves you, and we do, too!

The Flower Chart for 2010 is now available for you to sign up for flowers to honor a loved one. Instructions for payment of flowers is included on the chart, and, of course, the flowers are yours to bring home after the 10:30 service of worship.

January Birthdays
1-Debbie Armento, Sharon Fantozzi, Rohan Samuels
3-Joey Cincotta, Mary Dubberly, Kieran Sanders
4-Carrie Heckel
8-Catherine Paul, Amanda Paul, Katie Specht
9-Naty Ancheta
10-John Heath, Michelle Samuels
12-Arlene Bougher
14-Sally Piller
16-Kay Metz, Caitlin Librizzi
19-Alba Lucia Thomas
20-Dorothy Goetz
21-Tommy Lagerman
24-Joseph Cooper
25-Anne Rodgers, David Stern
26-Kalia Carter
31-Jan Baldorf

For the Calendar
Thursday, January 21 Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26th Administrative Council Meeting at 7 PM
Saturday, January 30th Dr. Laura Bell’s student piano recital
Friday, February 5th First Friday Bible Study with Rev. Dave Housten at Noon
Saturday, February 6th Evensong Service at 5 PM
Sunday, February 7th Grace Chen recital
Saturday, March 20th Dr. James Fleming
Sunday, April 11th Eagle Scout Ceremony
Sunday, April 18th Set up for Rummage Sale all week
Friday, Saturday, April 23rd and 24th RUMMAGE SALE

Grace and peace to you and your loved ones.