

Skyland United Methodist Church
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**Making Disciples
 of All Nations**

CHURCH STAFF

John Freeland, Pastor

Andy Hammer, Director of Children & Youth

Janet Walsh, Minister of Music

Jose Garcia, Pianist

Kimberly Thomas, Church Secretary

Eleanor Flanagan, Comptroller

Ini Emmah, Fellowship Dinner Chef

Melissa Freeman, Nursery Attendant

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| 3/5 Yvonne Norman | 3/14 Joan Iddins |
| 3/8 Jodie Holt | 3/15 John Upchurch |
| Jenny Morgan | 3/17 Jean Bennett |
| 3/9 John Dennisson | 3/20 Velma Jackson |
| Nella Jones | Mary Mullennix |
| 3/10 Marilyn Webb | 3/23 Harold Burrell |
| 3/11 Sarah Bryson | Phyllis Day |



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SKYWRITER



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**ARTICLES FOR
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 DUE MARCH 15**

From the Pastor's Desk

by Rev. John Freeland

The Skyland website is up and running with new graphics and new information. The Staff Page has biographical information about each of our staff members. Did you know that you have a highly educated staff? Between the eight of us we hold twelve college degrees: six bachelors degrees, five masters degrees and one doctorate degree. Go to www.skylandumc.org to read the complete bios, but here is a little bit about each of us:

- **Pastor John W. Freeland** attended Georgia State University where he received a Bachelors of Business Administration in Human Resource Management and a Masters of Education in Prevocational Education for the Mentally Handicapped. He received a Masters of Divinity from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in 1998 and was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church in 2001. Pastor John has been in pastoral ministry for 14 years.
- **Andy Hammer** attended Auburn University where he received a Bachelors degree in Historical Abstractive Writing. He spent a year in Auburn working at a church dedicated to reaching out to college students. Andy serves as Skyland's Director of Youth and Children's

Ministries and also play and sings in the Worship Band.

- **Janet Walsh** received a Bachelor's of Music from Shorter College. She plays organ and piano and has directed music at Skyland Church for 38 years. She directs the adult and children's choirs and is instrumental in the Traditional Worship Service. Janet also works for DeKalb County Tax Commissioner. She and her husband Barry have four children and five grandsons.

- **José Manuel Garcia**, born in Caracas, Venezuela, graduated from Emil Friedman Conservatory in 1992. He received his BM in piano performance from Clayton State College. José earned his Master of Music in piano performance from Georgia State University in 2001. José holds a Doctor of Musical Arts Degree from the University of Georgia.

José is also actively involved as a jazz pianist in Atlanta and throughout the United States. He has performed with many internationally acclaimed artists. José is a founder of International Groove Conspiracy, an Atlanta-based trio that has played at major venues in the nation.

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From the Pastor's Desk cont'd.

- **Kimberly Thomas** joined Skyland's staff in April 1997. She completed the PAUMCS Institute Certification Program in 1998 at Emory University. Kimberly is an active member of the National and Georgia Chapter of the Professional Association of UMC Secretaries and serves on the Ways & Means Committee. Kimberly and her husband, Henry have two children. Kimberly enjoys gardening, traveling, and movies.
- **Eleanor Flanagan** is a native of Atlanta, GA. She attended Georgia State University and worked in the investment banking industry for 18 years before retiring to

become a full-time mother and part-time Finance Officer and volunteer at Skyland Church. She has served at Skyland in various ways including working with the youth and intercessory prayer. She is married to Tim and they have 3 children.

- **Ini Emmah** was born in Etinan in the Akwa Ibom state of Nigeria. Ini attended the University of Nigeria where he received a Bachelor of Science in International Politics. In May 1981, he came to the United States for further studies. He attended the University of Central Oklahoma where he obtained Masters degrees in both Business Administration and International Relations. He later

moved to Atlanta to attend Clark-Atlanta University where he received another Bachelor's degree.

Ini is married with two boys aged 14 and 12. He has been a proud citizen of the United States since 2004 and currently is the General Manager for Panda Restaurant Group which has 2,500 units in the United States. Ini has been the chef at Skyland Church since 1998.

I am proud of our staff and what they have accomplished personally, professionally, and in ministry. Take some time and congratulate them on their accomplishments.

Your servant,



Red Bird Mission & Clinic *by United Methodist Women*

The United Methodist Women are collecting Campbell's labels and General Mills box tops for Education for the Red Bird Mission School located in Beverly, Kentucky.

Red Bird Mission & Clinic have provided ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents. Red Bird Mission & Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health & Wellness, Community Outreach,

Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a K-12 school and an early childhood development program for children ages 3 & 4. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the youth to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment and empowers them with tools that will help them escape the cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health & Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically

underserved. In addition to in-Clinic visits, providers travel to the homes of the patients to provide care to those that are homebound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents. Volunteers in mission service help with the refurbishment of homes, low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store and local crafter's wares are marketed to a wide area through the craft marketing ministry.

A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women & children, and youth make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives a bit more livable.

Weekly Attendance & Offerings					Designated Funds	
	1/18	1/25	2/1	2/8		
Small Groups	64	81	72	85	Postage	20.00
10 a.m. Service			48	49	Choir Treasury	20.00
11 a.m. Service	77	82	57	60	MOP Interest	385.34
Mile of Pennies	29.50	11.50	35.00	33.00	Property Maintenance	1,105.48
General Funds	2,860.00	4,414.00	7,136.75	7,288.00	Good Samaritan	40.00
Designated Funds	20.00	1,419.44	146.38	706.00	Hazel Pool Memorial	60.00
					Mission Trip- Katie Freeland	661.00

- ♦ **LENT** - March 1 is the first Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season when we reflect on the sinless life of Jesus and the salvation he won for us through his suffering and death for us on the cross. This period of preparation begins on Ash Wednesday, lasts for 40 days, and takes us to Good Friday, the day of Christ's death, and on to Easter, the day of his resurrection. In that time, we are called upon to be students of our Savior.
- ♦ **SKY ANGELS** - Everyone is invited to join us on Thursday, March 12 at 11:45 a.m. in the dining area for some good food, fellowship and entertainment. Please bring a covered dish to share and invite a friend. Our entertainment will be provided by our very own, Fred Stover.
- ♦ **PLEASE NOTE:** Everybody knows money's getting tight and the cost of food is going up. The food that's purchased for Wednesday night dinner is based on the number of people who have signed up. When you don't notify Kimberly to take you off the list and don't show up, that's money and food wasted and you'll be expected to pay for it the following week. Thanks for your cooperation.
- ♦ **NEW ADDRESS:** Phyllis Day, 10451 Bells Ferry Rd, #3138, Canton, GA 30114

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is now staffed on Sunday mornings from 9:45 - 10 and after the 11:00 worship service. If you check out a book or DVD at another time, please sign your name on the item's enclosed library card and leave it on the desk. Please come visit our library and check out the new additions:

Veggie Tales DVD: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything given in memory of Wallace Riley by Bill & Cathy Wages

DVD of The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian given in memory of Vicie Rose by Bill & Cathy Wages

AD Chronicles: The Eight Shepherd and The Ninth Witness by Brock and Bodie Thoene given in memory of Vicie Rose by Jim & Helen Pirkle

Blessed Child by Ted Dekker and Bill Bright given in memory of Mr. Wallace Riley by the Friendship Class

Living Beyond the Daily Grind, Books I and II by Charles Swindoll

God is in the Small Stuff and it all Matters by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz

The Oxford Book of Prayer edited by George Appleton