

A Few Short Words...

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January brings the New Year of 2010, and this means the arrival of a few new things to the Stuart First United Methodist Church. Here's what to look for.

A new sermon series ...

The United Methodist Church has some special emphases in its' constitution. These are referred to as "The Five Portals of the Methodist Way." What are the "Five Portals?" You may look forward to a sermon on each of them starting on Sunday, January 10th. The schedule is as follows.

January 10th - **"Intentional Discipleship"**

brought to us by none other than the
Director of Discipleship himself, Alex
"Torch" Kumpf.

January 17th— **"Passionate Worship"**

January 24th— **"Salty Service"**

January 31st— **"Radical Hospitality"**

February 7th— **"Extravagant Generosity"**

Invitations for Involvement ...

The Stuart First United Methodist Church knows that if it is going to be healthy, it must support the involvement of the laity. We have a staff that is dedicated to serving the church. We have a responsive, supportive and motivated laity here as well. How do we get the two in synchronicity with one another? Enter in "The Committee on Lay Involvement." Tenured Methodists will remember this "new" team by an old name; "The Nominations Committee." In the past, this team simply nominated a new class of trustees, staff-parish, and finance committee members. Now their challenge is expanded to match needs of the church's ministry with the gifts that are identified within the body of the church.

One of the first undertakings will be to identify people who have gifts for worship leading. We will be looking to members of the laity to lead the liturgy, especially in the 8 and 11 o'clock worship services.

This is just a sampling!

As God is with us, 2010 will be a great year. God will accomplish much through us. Let us surrender to His will, cooperate with Him in His work to us and through us, and enjoy Him now and forever!