

 People of Faith

Tom Hazelwood, the United Methodist Committee on Relief's director of domestic disaster response, has been elected president of the National Voluntary Agencies Active in Disaster. The national disaster umbrella organization has 41 voluntary and social service agencies in its membership.



Tom Hazelwood

Hazelwood, a clergy member of the Arkansas Conference, lives in the Washington, D.C. area.

Michelle Morris of Rogers, a student at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, was presented the Dr. and Mrs. H.P. Bray Award in Hebrew during the annual academic and service awards program at the school. The award is given to the student who ranks highest in Hebrew scholarship for the year. Morris is one of three current recipients of United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas Seminary Scholarships.

Glenda Phelps recently retired as director the After School Program at Levy UMC, North Little Rock, a program she started 15 years ago. She was recently honored by the congregation

for her dedication and service to the church and community. She was presented with a plaque and a four-day vacation to a destination of her choice.

The Jay W. Dickey Sr. Student Assistant Fund and the Foundation Board at First UMC, Pine Bluff, recently presented seven scholarships for the 2006-2007 school year. Recipients are:

■ **Mark Cain**, a 2006 graduate of Pine Bluff High School. He will attend Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia this fall. He is the son of Ann and David Cain.

■ **Matthew Cain**, a 2003 graduate of Pine Bluff High School and a senior at Rhodes College in Memphis. He is the son of Ann and David Cain.

■ **Jennifer Shaifer**, a 2006 graduate of St. Joseph's High School. The daughter of Eleanor Shaifer, she will attend Southeast Arkansas College this fall.

■ **Rachel Shaifer**, a 2003 graduate of St. Joseph's High School. The daughter of Eleanor Shaifer, she will be a senior at Louisiana Tech University at Ruston.

■ **Toler Shepherd**, a 2006 graduate of Pine Bluff High School. The son of Dorothy and Bill Shepherd, he will attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville this fall.

■ **Brittini Stephens**, a 2006 graduate of White Hall High School. The daughter of Debbie Stephens, she will



Glenda Phelps, retiring director of the After School Program at Levy UMC, North Little, is surrounded by family, church staff and many of her students during a special recognition service in her honor.

attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville.

■ **Nathan Turbeville**, a 2003 graduate of North Little Rock High School. He is a junior at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway and the son of Ann Turbeville and Richard Turbeville.

If your congregation has a newsmaker in it, share this great news with others! Send notices to: *Arkansas United Methodist*, 2 Trudie Kibbe Reed Dr., Little Rock, Ark. 72202, or email jdennis@arumc.org. Please include a contact person and phone number. Thanks!

Castoff cell phones, computers sought

Those attending Annual Conference this month in Hot Springs are asked to bring any unwanted cell phones, laptops (nonworking is OK) and empty ink cartridges with you. These will be recycled for abuse shelters and other charitable needs. The effort is coordinated by Susie Pettie,

daughter of pastor Velda S. Bell, as a fund raiser to assist with her People to People trip to Australia this summer. A box for the requested items will be available near the COSROW display. For more details, contact Bell at (479) 466-7799 or answeringthecall@juno.com.

McDaniel's 'Gandhi's Hope' makes best spiritual book list

CONWAY — "Gandhi's Hope: Learning from World Religions as a Path to Peace," a book written last year by Hendrix College religion professor Jay McDaniel, has been selected by *Spirituality and Health* magazine as one of the top 50 Best Spiritual Books of 2005.



Jay McDaniel

Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat, the magazine's media editors, selected "Gandhi's Hope" in the hospitality category. The couple, who has covered contemporary culture and the spiritual renaissance for three decades, made their selections of the top books from more than 300 books they reviewed over the past year.

Inspired by a public lecture at Hendrix College given by Mahtma Gandhi's grandson, Arun Gandhi, McDaniel wrote "Gandhi's Hope" to help readers learn about world religions as a way to find both personal and world peace. The 160-page book, published by Orbis Press, is available at most bookstores and at Amazon.com.

Author of several books on religion and ecology, McDaniel said his book addresses five serious challenges. "These challenges are to live compassionately, to live self-critically, to live simply, to live ecologically and to welcome religious diversity."

Volunteers in Mission

This Volunteer in Mission listing includes mission opportunities offered by local churches and districts. Often there are openings on these mission trips and room for additional volunteers from elsewhere to join the team. For more information on any of these projects, contact the individuals listed or Don Weeks, Arkansas Area Volunteers in Mission coordinator, 17 Woodstock Court, Little Rock, AR 72227; (501) 225-5665 or 681-2909; dweeks@arumc.org

June 20-27: Pignon, Haiti, medical, maintenance, and construction projects. Sponsored by First UMC, Magnolia. Walter L. "Bubba" Smith, (870) 234-4530 or smithumc@sbcglobal.net.

June 4-9: Rio Bravo, Mexico. Home construction. Sponsored by Wynne First UMC. Bill Eason, (870) 238-3265.

Sept. 15-23: Santiago, Chile, sponsored by North Central District Tiffany Guynes, (501) 329-3801.

Oct. 1-14: Moscow, Russia. Refurbishing orphanage, leading children's activities. John Dill, (870) 833-2678 or (501) 315-2020.

Nov. 14-28: Tanzania, East Africa, construction in rural village, sponsored by One Book Foundation. David Poullter, (479) 903-1434.



IMMEDIATE: Haven UMC, Hot Springs, needs VIM teams to help with refurbishing newly acquired building. Framing, painting, electrical, etc. Contact Clyde Hughley, (501) 623-9971 or clydouli@yahoo.com or Don Weeks, (501) 225-5665 or dweeks@arumc.org.

IMMEDIATE: Carpet installer needed to lay carpet at two homes recently built by volunteers in Biloxi, Miss. Contact Don Weeks (501) 225-5665 or dweeks@arumc.org.

IMMEDIATE: Volunteers needed to assist Jefferson County Habitat for Humanity in home construction project in Pine Bluff. Contact James Conn, arkvng@earthlink.net.