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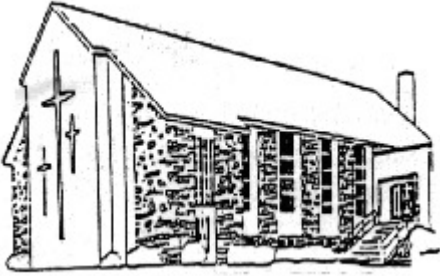
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



April 19, 2009

Bible School Fun Day

Due to the weather, Bible School Fun Day was rescheduled for Saturday, April 25th from 9:30am to 1:00pm. This is always a great time for the children. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to come.

Biscuits & Gravy

The next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00 to 11:00am. Starting in May we will only have one Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast each month throughout the summer. For \$4 you can get all you can eat biscuits and gravy and help pay for our yearly apportionments.

Newsletter Deadline

If you have items to go into the next newsletter, please make sure they are turned in to the office no later than first thing, Thursday, April 30th.

Birthday Dinner

We are having a Birthday Dinner on Sunday, April 26th at 5:00pm. This is our way of celebrating everyone's birthday for the entire year. We ask that you bring a potluck dish to share. There will also be a talent show as well as a special recognition of those in their 80's and over.

Monthly Collections



For the month of April we are collecting Umbrellas and Rain Ponchos for Crossroads Temporary Housing Shelter.

For the Food Pantry we are collecting Canned Vegetables. Please make sure the expiration date on your donations have not passed.

During the month of April all the Noisy Offering collected will go to the Spofford home, as April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	3/29	42
	4/5	84
	4/12	144
Sunday School	3/29	16
	4/5	35
	4/12	34

OFFERING

	3/29	\$782
	4/5	\$5,767
	4/12	\$3,196
Noisy Offering for 3/29-4/12		\$181.77
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

Memorial Fund	\$5
Elevator Fund	\$20
Building Fund	\$10

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$2,591	\$13,990
District Apportionments	\$100	\$1,900
2 nd Mile Goals	\$789	\$2,186

February's income was \$4,043.65 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 4/15/09: **\$ - 11,202.90**

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Domino Club, every Friday at 1:00pm.
- Cinco de Mayo Camp Fundraiser Dinner, Tuesday, May 5th, 5:00-7:30pm
- Safe Sanctuary Training during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am on Sunday, May 17th.
- Red Ribbon BBQ: Sunday, May 31st after church. The meat will be provided. We ask that you please bring a side dish.

Annual Rummage Sale

Please keep in mind as you do your spring cleaning that we could use all your good conditioned used treasures for our annual Rummage Sale. This annual fundraising event is always very successful with the hard work of all the volunteers and the many donated items from everyone.

This year the sale will be Wednesday, May 6th through Saturday, May 9th. Please bring your donated items and place them on the stage in the fellowship hall.

Please let Rebecca (the church secretary) know if you would like a receipt for your donated items for tax purposes.

United Methodist Family Day at the "K"

United Methodist Day at the "K" will be on Friday, July 17, 2009. The KC Royals will play Tampa Bay. This evening will also be the grand opening of the Royals Hall of Fame plus the Hall of Fame Classic Game. Gates will open early for these events giving fans an opportunity to tour the Hall of Fame and watch batting practice prior to the Classic. The Classic Exhibition Game at 5pm will feature Royal greats against former MLB stars. Former Royals on Willie Wilson's team include Steve Busby, Dennis Leonard, John Mayberry, Jeff Montgomery, Amos Otis, Fred Patek, Paul Splittorff, John Wathan and Frank White. MLB stars will feature Bert Campaneris, Bobby Dernier, George Foster, Randy Hundley, Todd Hundley, Fergie Jenkins, Ron Robinson, Dave Stewart, and Jon Warden. The Royals game will be at 7:10pm, after the Classic Exhibition Game. There will also be a great fireworks show after the game. You can see all of this for \$14 a ticket. Please have your orders into the church office by July 1st.

Worship Volunteers Needed

There have been a lot of ideas for worship. It is suggested that we involve more people in our worship services, in two particular ways. The first is to have what is called "Power Praying." A person will pray, probably in a separate room in the church, all through the Sunday worship service, specifically **for** the worship service. (Similarly, we would like to have such praying during church committee meetings.)

Another way to be involved in the worship service is to read the Scripture lesson for the day. This will require some practice, so the Scripture lesson will be sent to the volunteer by Wednesday the week previous to the Sunday service.

If you would like to participate in these ways, please let Rev. Sally know, or call the church office. Also, if you have some ideas or requests, we have a Suggestion Box in the hallway, which you are welcome to use.

Thank You!

Thanks so much to all who have been helping so much, getting ready for Easter! People worked very hard in the areas of spring cleaning and sprucing up; providing, ordering, and placing Easter lilies; making music; making the Easter Egg Hunt happen (complete with Bunny!); decorating the Sanctuary; getting up early, carpooling, and attending the Sunrise service at Mount Calvary (24 of us came!); and in many other ways. Thank you all so much. It was a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Sunday, and you helped make it happen!

Computer Needed

We are looking to see if anyone would be willing to donate a computer to the church office with an operating system of Windows XP or a later version.

The computer the church office has right now is very outdated and is not meeting the needs. Due to it being such an old program, it is causing some difficulties installing upgrades with programs that we need to continue with the church programs.

Please call the church office if you can help with this need.

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, April 4, with Brenda Gfeller, Margie Friel, Rev. Sally DeMasters, Fran Curry, Mike Winburn, Jeri Bothwell, Sandy Switzer, and Dorothy Harvey present. The meeting opened with prayer.

Missions: For March, 134 items (fruit) and \$135 were donated to the Food Pantry, and \$30 worth of soap were given to Crossroads Shelter. For April, we are collecting canned vegetables for the Food Pantry, and umbrellas and rain ponchos for Crossroads. In May the items will be tuna and tuna helper for the Pantry, and washcloths for Crossroads.

Easter services and activities: Holy Thursday service on April 9. Good Friday Sacrificial Breakfast on April 10. Prayer Vigil, Friday through Sunday. Easter Sunrise service at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church, followed by breakfast, carpool from our church. Easter Egg hunt with the Easter Bunny, at our church, followed by worship in our Sanctuary.

United Methodist Women: Unit meeting on April 8. All-Conference Retreat in Moberley, May 1-2. See Dorothy Harvey if you would like to attend.

Publicity and Communications: Mike has arranged to communicate with TV stations on-line, so that in case of bad weather, we can make cancellations. It was suggested that we begin advertising in the Bristol Neighborhood #5 newsletter, and also look into the Winner Road website, and the other neighborhood associations, so as to reach more people in our community.

Caring/Nurturing Team: The following persons on our prayer list have been contacted: Cecil Keeler, at John Knox.; Alcidene Pendleton; Bertha Hawley; Nadine Harnish; and Jim Henderson.

Children's Ministries: Church camp letters have been sent. As our church will be funding the children of our church going to church camp, we are requesting that each camper and camper's family help work at the fundraisers for it. The first camp fundraiser is the Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner on May 5. Kids' Bible School Fun Day has been re-scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m. to 1p.m. Confirmation classes will begin in May, for youth 6th grade and up.

Worship: Volunteers requested for reading Scripture in services, and to pray during services. There are two new possibilities for our worship screens, a clip on Methodist history and an evangelism DVD. For our summer schedule, it was suggested that we start Sunday School at 9a.m., and worship at 10:15 a.m. Another option is to keep the same schedule, and add an early service. Please think on this, and there will be an opportunity to make your preferences known.

Other Activities: The Birthday Potluck Dinner is

April 26, at 5:00 p.m. Sign-ups for table decorations and the talent show are in the Narthex. There will be a love offering for Spofford Children's Home, as it is Child Abuse Prevention Month; a dime donation is suggested for every year of life, with \$5 as the maximum requested. We will be especially honoring our 80+ year-old members. The Rummage Sale is Wednesday, May 6 through Saturday, May 9. Mother's Day is May 10, and plans are in place for that. The Pentecost Red Ribbon barbecue is set for Sunday, May 31, right after worship. The United Methodist Men are providing the meat, and all others are bringing a dish to share.

Measures to be of Help During Economic Difficulties: Laura Smith and Linda West will be organizing coupons to share. We will look into getting someone from Missouri Job Services to come and speak. There are also some resources to teach about financial management.

There being no further business, all joined hands and the meeting closed with prayer.

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, April 8 for the monthly unit meeting. Present were: Margie Friel, Dorothy Harvey, Sandy Switzer, Kay Staples, Laura Smith, Jo Harris, Rev. Sally DeMasters, Gladys Clayton, Carol Mays, Judy Martin, Ruth Bronson, Virginia Kolar, Margie Carlock, Edna Doudney, Mary Smith, and Linda West. Rev. Sally asked the blessing and all enjoyed lunch provided by the unit members, while Dorothy read a humorous piece on grandmothers.

As the meeting began, we recited the United Methodist Women Purpose. Laura read from the prayer calendar and gave a devotion. The minutes from March were read and approved, and the Treasurer's report was read, accepted, and filed for audit.

There will be no women's retreat at Mount Washington United Methodist Church this spring. We are looking forward to the Sacrificial Breakfast. This year at the end of the Rummage Sale, we will give leftover children's clothing to North Rock Creek Korte Elementary School. The Grand Avenue Temple United Methodist Church's ministry to the homeless needs adult-sized jeans, and other clothing items.

Ruth recommended books from the Reading Program, and also shared an article from Response magazine, about the subprime mortgage problem. At the spring District meeting, our unit qualified for the Mai Gray and the Mission Today certificates.

When the business was completed, Carol Mays gave an interesting program on the United Methodist Women's Legislative Event, in which she had participated.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful Easter we have had! Our Holy Week was full of services and activities which blessed us, and Easter Sunday itself was such a beautiful time!

It is terrific that we celebrate Easter so thoroughly. After all, Easter, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, is the basis of our faith. It is very well worth remembering and celebrating.

Easter was the beginning of a whole new way of life, for those who believe and follow Jesus, as their Lord and Savior. Phillips Brooks, the 19th century pastor, put it this way:

“The great Easter truth is not that we are to live newly after death—that is not the great thing—but that we are to be new here and now by the power of the Resurrection; not so much that we are to live forever as that we are to, and may, live nobly now because we are to live forever.”

Jesus himself called what he brought “life abundant.” On both sides of the grave, the “here and now” and the “hereafter,” we are offered a beautiful and wonderful life.

Thanks be to God!

May God bless us throughout the Easter season,

Rev. Sally

*“I came so they can have real and eternal life,
more and better life than they ever dreamed of.”*

John 10: 10b

(The Message version of the Bible)

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