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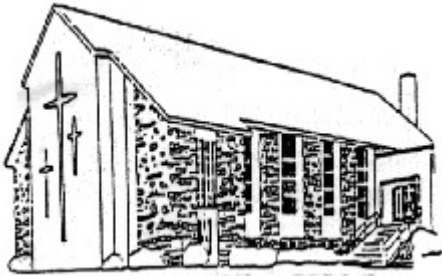
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



August 30, 2009

Celebration of 120 Years!

Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church will be celebrating 120 years with an Open House on Sunday, September 20th, 2009 from 8:00am to 9:45am. We will be having a free pancake breakfast for the community to celebrate with us (we are asking members for a love offering to help cover the costs). We would appreciate anyone who could help pass out door hangers on September 13th.



Monthly Collections

For the month of September we are collecting Socks of all sizes for men, women and children for the Food Pantry, Crossroads Homeless Shelter and Grand Avenue Temple.

Biscuits & Gravy

Our next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be Saturday, September 26th. For \$4 you can get all you can eat biscuits and gravy and help pay for our yearly apportionments.

Domino Club

All are welcome to join the Domino Club that meets in the Cook Room every Friday at 1:00pm.

90th Birthday Celebration

All are invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Ruth Bronson this Sunday, August 30th, 2009, after church in the fellowship hall. In lieu of gifts, please bring peanut butter, tuna or macaroni and cheese for the Fairmount Food Pantry in Ruth's honor.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	8/2	65
	8/9	72
	8/16	62
Sunday School	8/23	72
	8/2	33
	8/9	30
	8/16	31
	8/23	35

OFFERING

8/2	\$2,747
8/9	\$1,724
8/16	\$1,289
8/23	\$1,257

Noisy Offering for 8/2-8/23	\$184.66
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009	\$2,987

Elevator Fund	\$5
Building Fund	\$2,510

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$4,539	\$12,042
District Apportionments	\$1,050	\$950
2 nd Mile Goals	\$1,715	\$1,260

July's income was \$3,613.53 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 8/26/09: **\$ - 6,917.81**

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Those present were: Fran Curry, Margie Friel, Dorothy Harvey, Brenda Gfeller, Mike Winburn, Gary Hard, Rev. Sally DeMasters, Margie Carlock, Jeri Bothwell, and Sandy Switzer. The meeting opened in prayer.

Review of July—During this past month, we held the graduation reception for Stacy Woodward's graduation from college. It was suggested that we need a regular committee to organize the graduation receptions. The T-shirt fundraiser by Dianna Parrick has gone, and is going well; so far, we have made \$165. We were saddened at the death of our friend Alcidene Pendleton, but it was a tribute to have so many at the service and the dinner afterward. The Melon Feast was poorly attended, being the following day. We have had 8 children and youth go to church camp from our church this summer.

Mission—August collections: Crossroads Homeless Shelter—toothbrushes and toothpaste. Food Pantry: dry cereal and canned and/or dry milk (Small packages of dry milk, please). For September we will collect socks, of all sizes, for all three agencies: Crossroads, Food Pantry, and Grand Avenue Temple. We will have the last two Sundays in September, the 20th and 27th, as our Blanket Sundays. The Spofford Gala is October 16, and the Elizabeth Circle is donating a gift basket for the auction.

Worship Screens and Electronics—Mike will be putting our church on a Facebook page, once a certain problem there has been resolved. In his absence on August 23, Gary will operate the worship screens. We could still use more helpers for this. So far we have had no sales on the church cookbooks we are trying to sell on-line.

Evangelism—Gary is getting 200 special door hangers to be passed out prior to the September 20th breakfast. The meal will be free to folks from the community, and a love offering asked of the church members.

United Methodist Women—The monthly unit meetings will resume next month.

History—Margie Friel and Mike Winburn are working on this.

Safe Sanctuaries—The next training is scheduled for September 13. There will be a joint

meeting this month of the Safe Sanctuary Task Force and the Staff Parish Committee to formulate policy.

Children's Ministries—Our next Bible School Fun Day will be Saturday, October 10. Sunday School is going well; there will be some changes of children's and youth Sunday School teachers in the fall. The Worship Arts Camp for children will run this week, with Jill Fields as one of the teachers. Sunday, October 11 will be both Children's Sabbath and United Methodist Women's Sunday; Brenda will work on getting a speaker from Spofford Children's Home.

Cares and Concerns—Margie has been in touch with Nadine Harnish's daughter, getting updates on Nadine's recovery from a fractured hip. Al Raistrick is recovering well. Please keep the Pendleton family in your prayers.

Other Church Matters—Chili Day is set for Saturday, October 24. The newsletter deadline will be clarified. Laity Sunday will be observed on October 25.

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

Thank You

To the ladies who prepared the meal following Alcidene's funeral, thank you all so much. It was comforting to return from the grave site and be treated so graciously. And the food – everything was delicious! Believe me, we sampled it all.

Thanks again and may God bless each of you.

Sincerely, Bill & Diana Turney
(Alcidene's brother and sister-in-law)

Rebecca's Vacation

Rebecca Henning will be using some vacation days. We have had two days volunteered for, but we still could use a volunteer on one or more of the following days:

Wednesday, November 25

Wednesday, December 2

Thursday, December 3

If you can help on one or more of those days, please let Rebecca know by calling the church office at 252-7977.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, August 23, 2009 for their monthly breakfast meeting. Those in attendance were: Jack and Fran Curry, Revs. Sally and Randy DeMasters, Mike Winburn, Gary Hard, Bob Becker, Morris and Bettijeane Evans, Cy Fields, Jeri Bothwell, J.D.Owsley, Richard Delmont, Brianna Carpenter, and Ed, Jane, Heather, Samantha, and Olivia Templeton. Rev. Sally asked a blessing, and all enjoyed a hearty breakfast.

Morris opened the meeting by reading "The Mousetrap," a humorous item from the Internet.

Morris passed around sheets to sign up for ingredients and items needed for Chili Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 24. Many of the chili and soup ingredients will be purchased from American Foods, and HyVee will probably have a good price for the beef needed. Mike will be printing up the tickets, and Margaret Fields will be handling them. Prices will be as follows: Adults, \$7.00; children from age 6-12, \$5.00, and children 5 and younger, \$1.00.

The Heartland Central District is planning a meeting for November 14, which we may be able to help with, but as yet nothing is settled.

Rev. Sally has the Macy's "Shop for a Cause" tickets, ready to sell, at \$5.00. (The shopping day is Saturday, October 17.) She had the young ladies present show the new youth T-shirts, designed by Heather Templeton. Gary has gotten the door hangers to publicize the Open House pancake breakfast the church is hosting on Sunday, September 20. We were all reminded about the birthday celebration for Ruth Bronson, on August 30.

Morris closed by reading the Teddy Stoddard story, an inspiring piece about a teacher who made a big difference in a boy's life. There being no further business, the meeting ended.

Coupons

We have coupons available in the narthex for all to look through and take what they need. They are divided up by categories.

Also, if you receive coupons in the paper or mail that you will not be using, please bring them to the church so that others might be able to use them.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Safe Sanctuary Training: Sunday, September 13th, after church. Lunch will be provided.
- Bible School Fun Day: Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am-1:00pm.
- Shop for a Cause Day at Macy's: Saturday, October 17th (you can purchase your discount card for \$5).
- Chili Day: Saturday, October 24th

You are Invited

*You are invited to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting*

Erica Rene Kelsey

and Daniel Allan Hazelrigg

on Saturday, September 26, 2009

at 2:00pm

at St. Mark's Catholic Church

3736 S. Lee's Summit Rd.,

Independence, MO.

The Dinner Reception will be at 5:30pm

at The Blue Springs Party Place

810 SW Sunset Street

Blue Springs, MO 64015

Please let Joi Hazelrigg know

by August 21st if you plan on attending.

Danny and Erica are registered

at Target and Bed Bath & Beyond.

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 Tuesday morning, September 8th.

Fall Church Bowling League

You are invited to join a church bowling league on Monday evenings at 7:00pm starting September 14th (the first night will be at 6:30pm) at AMF Bowling Center (3701 S. Ponca Drive, Independence, MO). It will be 4-person teams, mixed league, non-sanctioned, non-denominational. The cost is \$11.00 a night, plus shoe rental, and will run for 12 weeks. Even if you do not have a team, come anyway, there will be a place for you. For more details please call Glenda at AMF Bowling Center (795-8630) or Rev. Dan Mahan at River Boulevard Baptist Church (461-5650).

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Program will be held at Buckner United Methodist Church, 109 S. Hudson St., Buckner, MO beginning September 14th. For more information contact Juli Yocum at 816-796-8557.

Special Service

The Reverend Emanuel Cleaver, II, will be preaching at North Street United Methodist Church, 369 W. North Street, Marshall, MO, on Sunday, August 30th at 6:00pm. Everyone is invited to this special service of word and music.

**Administrative Board Meeting
Sunday, September 20th, 2009
6:00pm**

Somewhere Out There

(Continued from article in May from an article written by Bishop Schnase)

Somewhere out there is a young couple stressed to the breaking point by personal debt. Fear squeezes the life out of them and fills their hearts with an unmitigated worry and an all-encompassing anxiety. The simple joy of shared companionship has given way to nonstop arguments about money. They don't know it, but one of their colleagues is praying for them, and asking God for the right words with which to invite them to come with her to a seminar at her church about managing money. The long path to new life and restored relationship will take them through the doors of a church they've never heard of and into a community that will shape them forever.

Somewhere out there is a teacher who thinks no one else cares about the children she has given her life to serving. Her schoolroom is rundown, and there's less money now than ever before to provide the resources she needs to do her job. She has no idea that a congregation is preparing themselves for a new ministry that will change her circumstances. Six months from now she will weep with joy as strangers repaint and refurbish her classroom. She cannot imagine that droves of people will step forward to volunteer to tutor, to read stories, and to coach basketball. She has no inkling of the effect this will have on her and on her students, and how this will open the door by which she rediscovers her own faith in Christ.

Somewhere out there is a young man whose inability to cope with the basic mechanisms of daily living has caused him to lose his job, to stop taking his meds, and to slip through the cracks of every social, community, and family network. He kept falling and falling until now he sleeps on the streets, carries cardboard for bedding, and digs through trash for dinner. He has no idea that a congregation is gearing up to offer a soup kitchen, and that this ministry will change his life. He cannot imagine that as he is served a meal, someone will engage him in conversation, treat him as human, listen to his story, learn his name, and reconnect him to his family and to the social networks that will allow him to live again a basic life with dignity. He has no idea that God, working through people desiring to follow Christ, will restore him to a life he barely remembers. *(to be continued)*

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Hello! This year is our church's first time to participate in "Be Kind to Humankind Week." We have talked about it in worship. There have been daily e-mails (for those with e-mail access) with each day's theme, and accompanying suggestions. And now, here is our newsletter article about this project, which our Evangelism committee is sponsoring.

According to the BK2HK folks:

"Be Kind to Humankind" week is a celebration of kindness that is recognized globally the last week of August every year. Born in 1988, "Be Kind to Humankind" week is now 21 years old.

Lorraine Jara created this special week after reading an upsetting newspaper article in her local paper. Two men in a boat equipped with radio and antenna passed two other boaters in need, refusing to help. Ms. Jara felt this story needed to be told to raise awareness, reminding people of the humanity of their neighbors and the importance of helping strangers in need.

Each day of the week has its own theme: "Sacrifice Our Wants for Others' Needs" Sunday; "Motorist Consideration" Monday; "Touch-A-Heart" Tuesday; "Willing-to- Lend-A-Hand" Wednesday; "Thoughtful" Thursday; "Forgive your Foe" Friday; and "Speak Kind Words" Saturday.

I find this project to be a needed challenge, for myself, anyway. It is just so easy to get so wrapped up in one's own concerns and forget the needs of others. Also, I am inspired by Ms. Jara; God used her as a servant to bring something good and helpful from a bad situation.

I am looking forward to hearing about **your** week of "being kind to humankind." My hope and prayer is that we can continue in the spirit of kindness, all the rest of the year and even longer.

God bless you,

Rev. Sally

"...and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another."

Ephesians 4: 32

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