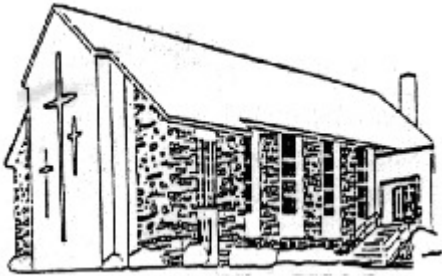


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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians  
serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



February 15, 2009

## Appreciation Dinner

The annual Appreciation Dinner is this coming Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, right after the morning worship service. Be sure to invite your family and friends to come and enjoy this delicious dinner that is prepared by the United Methodist Men. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

## Biscuits & Gravy

The next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be next Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00am. For \$4 you can get all you can eat biscuits and gravy and help pay for our yearly apportionments.

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The youth of the church are hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 8:30pm. The proceeds will benefit the fundraising project of "Nothing but Nets" which is a mission project to help prevent malaria in Africa. Please come and support the youth and this worthwhile project.

## Vacation Bible School Fun Day

Please mark the date down on your calendars for the next Vacation Bible School Fun Day scheduled for Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. This is always a great time for the children. Start thinking now of who you could invite to this event.

## Monthly Collections

For the month of February we are collecting Toothpaste & Toothbrushes for Crossroads Temporary Housing Shelter.



For the Food Pantry we are collecting Pork & Beans and Vienna Sausages.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

#### ATTENDANCE

Worship	2/1	90
	2/8	81
Sunday School	2/1	38
	2/8	32

#### OFFERING

	2/1	\$3,781
	2/8	\$1,801
Noisy Offering for 2/1-2/8		\$85.48
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

ELEVATOR FUND	\$10
GOOD SAMARITAN FUND	\$100
MEMORIAL	\$25

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$1,427	\$15,154
District Apportionments	\$0	\$2,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Goals	\$308	\$2,667

January's income was \$1,959.74 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 2/12/09: **\$ 612.97**

## **Ushers Needed**

We are in need of volunteers who would be willing to be ushers on a rotation basis during the Sunday morning services. If you are interested in helping serve in this area, please let Cy Fields know.

## **Domino Club**

Every Friday we have a Domino Club that meets at the church in the Cook Room at 1:00pm. All are welcome to come and bring your friends and any sets of dominoes you have. If you have questions please call Morris Evans (816) 836-0487.

## **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, February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Start Planning**

Before long it will be time to start doing some spring cleaning. Please keep in mind 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 6<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. You can start at any time bringing up your donated items and placing 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.

## **Office Closed**

The church office is closed on all legal holidays, and will be closed this coming Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day.

## **Congratulations**

We want to congratulate Danny Hazelrigg and Erica Kelsey on their engagement. The wedding is scheduled for September 26, 2009.

## **United Methodist Women**

The February unit meeting of the United Methodist Women was held on Wednesday, the 11<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 present. A blessing was asked, and all enjoyed a light lunch. The United Methodist Women's Purpose was recited, and Laura Smith gave the devotional.

A sign-up sheet for the Heartland Central District meeting, on Saturday, March 21, was passed around. The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved. Thank-you notes from the church secretary, Rebecca Henning and Rev. Sally were read. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

In the area of Education and Interpretation, Gladys Clayton reminded us of the need to have our group active in service. Ruth reminded us that part of our commitment is to regularly read Response magazine. She also gave a report on the issue of immigration, and a program called "Justice for our Neighbor." Carol Mays will be one of the speakers at the Legislative event in Jefferson City, and will bring back a report to us.

The program was on the topic of "A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial." Six of the ladies presented a skit on how new technology can be a tool for the church, and more specifically for the mission work of the United Methodist Women, throughout the world. There being no further business, the meeting ended.

## **Upcoming Dates To Remember**

- Safe Sanctuary Task Force Meeting: Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> after church.
- Ash Wednesday Service: Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.
- Daylight Savings Time Begins: Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Administrative Board Meeting: Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.
- Fish Fry: Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Birthday Dinner, Talent Show and Potluck: Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.
- Red Ribbon BBQ: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after church. The meat will be provided, we ask that you bring a side dish.

## **Council on Ministries**

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, February 7 for the monthly meeting. Those in attendance were: Fran Curry, Jeri Bothwell, Mike Winburn, Dorothy Harvey, Margie Friel, Brenda Gfeller, Gary Hard, and Rev. Sally DeMasters, who opened the meeting with prayer.

Missions -- Crossroads Homeless Shelter - For February, we are donating toothpaste and toothbrushes to the people in the shelter; for March, it will be soap and deodorant.

Fairmount Food Pantry — February's requested food items are pork and beans, and Vienna sausages, which can be placed on the Communion rail. March's items will be canned fruit, fruit cups, and boxes of gelatin (no glass please). Mike will check with the Independence School District about tutoring children, a program which other churches have tried.

United Methodist Women — The unit meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, with lunch at 12:30 and the meeting and program starting at 1:00p.m. Next month, there will be the Spring Heartland District meeting at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, on James A. Reed Road.

Publicity — We voted to be part of the Independence Examiner's church and Christian business guide, subject to the Finance Committee's approval. Mike will also be looking into a way to improve the portable outside sign.

Children's Ministries — Fran is doing acolyte training, and will set up a schedule for the acolytes, and have the acolytes' names put in the bulletin each week. The blue candle, in honor of the military will be put back on the altar, but will be lit by an adult. During Lent, Fran will be teaching the elementary Sunday School class about the Lord's Prayer. We plan to have the children more involved in worship, with Fifth Sundays and certain other Sundays being handled by children and youth, in terms of ushers, greeters, and liturgists, as well as have the class lead the Lord's Prayer in worship. Fran and Rev. Sally will be making some special plans for this.

Youth — The youth have given their group a name, "Almost Angels," and a slogan, "heading in

the right direction," and T-shirts are being made up for the group. The youth will be cooking and serving the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 24, from 5:30-8:30 p.m., and the proceeds will go to "Nothing But Nets," a mission project to help prevent malaria in Africa. The youth will also participate in the "Thirty-Hour Famine" that weekend, which is a fundraiser project to alleviate world hunger.

Trustees—From now on the Trustees will be having "Wednesday Work," and invite everyone interested to come and help work on church building maintenance and repair, from about 6:30-8:30 p.m.

United Methodist Men — Appreciation Dinner, Sunday, February 15, right after worship. A complete, delicious turkey dinner, \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children.

Lent and Easter Calendar and Activities (Lent is from February 25-April 11)

---February 24—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, see above.

---February 25, Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:00 p.m.

---Lenten Bible Study—Sundays, March 1-April 5, 8:30-9:15 a.m., in the chapel.

---Palm Sunday, April 5.

---Maundy Thursday Worship Service, April 9, 7p.m.

---Good Friday—Sacrificial Breakfast with speaker, April 10

---Easter Prayer Vigil—Friday, April 10, 3p.m.-Sunday, April 12, 6a.m.

---Easter Sunday, April 12

Sunrise Service, 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., followed by Easter Egg hunt

Worship at 10:45 a.m.

April is also Child Abuse Prevention month. Rev. Sally handed out pages of "Ideas for Worship and Projects for Small Churches," and invited everyone to see if any seem helpful for our own church.

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

## **Something from Sally**

Dear Friends,

Some of you may know that I am a member of a ministerial prayer group, in our neighborhood. It got started a couple of years ago by our friend, Rev. Jim Coffey. It has been a great blessing to all the pastors who participate. Over these last two years, as well as praying together, we have held special prayer services and have worked on the Independence School District project.

I attended this prayer meeting yesterday. I had not been able to attend in a while, as things kept cropping up on the meeting days. Because of this, yesterday, I was able to realize the great benefits God has given me when I participate (as well as the great lack I experience when I don't!)

It is so good to be in prayer with other Christians! For pastors, it is helpful to be with other pastors who understand the situations of our ministry and home lives. Yet, this is something that could be of great benefit to laypeople, also.

Now, I am wondering, would the church be interested in starting a special prayer group, or groups? The prayer meetings could be held at

church, in homes, or even on-line. They could be grouped and organized in any way agreeable to the members of the group.

Another form of prayer that would be good would be the walking prayer group. That is when a group of Christians walk through a neighborhood having prayer for every home and business, and the people who live or work there. It can also be done in the church building, usually on Sunday mornings, before the congregation arrives, asking God to bless the worship service, the Sunday School, and the people.

Please give this some thought and prayer. God may be calling you to be in this ministry, in leadership and/or participation.

God bless you,

*Rev. Sally*

*"All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers."* Acts 1: 14

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