

NORTHERN BOULEVARD UNITED METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER

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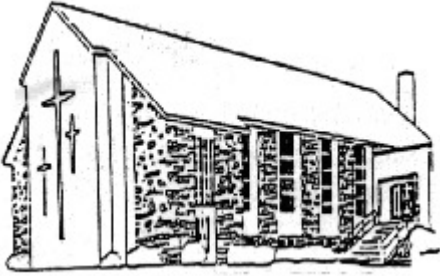
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



July 31, 2009



Monthly Collections

For the month of August we are collecting Toothpaste and Toothbrushes for Crossroads

Temporary Housing Shelter.

For the Food Pantry we are collecting Cold Cereal, Dry/Canned Milk and/or Canned Fruit.

Please make sure the expiration date on your donations have not passed.

Biscuits & Gravy

Our next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be Saturday, August 22nd. 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, August 27th.

90th Birthday Celebration

All are invited to a 90th birthday celebration for Ruth Bronson on Sunday, August 30th, 2009, after church in the fellowship hall. Her family is providing a celebration lunch for the church and family. Please no gifts as your presence is gift enough. Please sign up in the foyer if you can attend, as this will help in planning for the amount of food.

Domino Club

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

Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Alcidene Pendleton who passed away on July 21st. She was a dear lady and meant a lot to our church for many years. We pray that God will surround all concerned with comfort during this time.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	7/5	56
	7/12	72
	7/19	78
	7/26	68
	Sunday School	7/5
	7/12	25
	7/19	28
	7/26	32

OFFERING

	7/5	\$3,462
	7/12	\$1,653
	7/19	\$1,472
	7/26	\$2,094
Noisy Offering for 7/5-7/26		\$182.84
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

Elevator Fund		\$55
Camp Fund		\$50

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$4,269	\$12,312
District Apportionments	\$650	\$1,350
2 nd Mile Goals	\$1,514	\$1,461

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

General Fund Total as of 7/30/09: **\$ - 11,497.42**

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, July 4, with the following persons present: Mike Winburn, Gary Hard, Jeri Bothwell, Margie Carlock, Rev. Sally DeMasters, Sandy Switzer, Margie Friel, and Brenda Gfeller. Brenda opened with prayer.

We reviewed the events of June. During Annual Conference, in Rev. Sally's absence, Gary preached a memorable sermon. Thanks, Gary. On the 14th, we dedicated the knitted caps Edna Doudney had made for children on Native American reservations, and Max Marble filmed a video of it for the Mission Cast—an exciting day in the life of our church! The summer Bible Study began and is going well.

Coming up for July are the graduation reception for Stacy Woodward (Sunday, July 12); the Royals baseball game (Friday, July 17); fundraiser at Wal-Mart parking lot (Saturdays, July 11 and 18); Project Shine (Saturday and Sunday, July 18-19); Biscuits and Gravy (Saturday, July 25).

Missions: Food Pantry items for July—Pop tarts and/or macaroni and cheese; for August, cold cereal. Salvation Army Crossroads Homeless Shelter items for July—deodorant and baby powder; for August, toothpaste and tooth brushes. In June, enough peanut butter was collected and donated to make 602 sandwiches—that's a lot of children's lunches!

Sunday School: Jeri said that the youth class is going well, with Laura Smith as teacher. An Education Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 p.m. Suggestions were made for more children's activities—Saturday afternoon kid movies followed by the 5:30 worship service, more frequent Bible School Fun Days.

Congregational Care: Margie Carlock reported on those who were sick or recovering.

Worship: Attendance is very important, and is being emphasized in the Conference. We still need a video team to set up, help with, and provide back-up with the worship screens when Mike is absent.

Church Camp: Several kids have attended and will be attending this summer. We look forward to hearing from them. Rev. Sally and Jill Fields are working on "Worship Arts Camp" a set of classes, the first week of August, at Christ United Methodist Church, for kids going into 3rd through 7th grade.

It was also suggested that we develop a webinar Bible Study. We will be looking into this.

On July 26, at 6:00 p.m. we will have a Melon Feast: bring your favorite melons to share and eat.

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

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.

Monday Volunteers

If you would like to be added to the Monday Volunteer Rotation in the church office, please let Rebecca know (252-7977). The volunteer on Monday helps in the office from 9:00am to noon by answering the phone so that Rev. Sally can study for her sermon. If you would be willing to help out, you would only have to do this one time each month, sometimes less (the more volunteers we have the less often you would be scheduled). We appreciate those who have faithfully done this over the last couple of years: Margie Carlock, Dorothy Harvey, Morris Evans, Sandy Switzer, Jo Harris and for Dianna Parrick for filling in at times needed.

Rebecca's Vacation

Rebecca Henning will be using some vacation days and we could use volunteers to help in the office on the following days:

Tuesday, September 8
Wednesday, November 25
Tuesday, December 1
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.

Attention All Choir Members!!

The end of the summer is upon us, and it's almost time for the choir to start back up. I hope you are all having an enjoyable summer, and will be refreshed, recharged, and ready to get back to work. The first Sunday the choir will be singing in church will be the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 13th. Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday August 26th at 6:30pm, with regular weekly rehearsals to follow.

If you have sung in an organized choir before, and you're looking for an outlet for the "music in you", now is the time to yield to the "call" and get back to it. Just let me know you're interested, and we can discuss where you'll fit in. We can always use more folks on all parts.

So, I'll see you Wednesday 8/26 at 6:30pm. It will be good to be back working with you all again.

Chuck Harvey

Thank You

We would like to thank all of you for your prayers, cards, calls, and visits, during my surgery and recovery. Knowing that so many people care helped more than you know. We love our church family and feel very blessed to be a part of it. Again THANK YOU. God Bless.

With love,
Fran and Jack Curry

Address Changes

Please contact the office for the following address changes:

Dariel Watts

Larry Chambers

Andy, Lisa & Emily Barrett

An Apology

Dale Rider wishes to convey his sincere apology to Rev. Sally and the congregation for being tardy at worship on Sunday, July 5th. I did not over sleep, neither did I forget about our summer 10:15 starting time.

En route I noticed the gas indicator was on "E" (yes, empty). However, the warning light had not signaled the fuel tank condition yet, so I ventured ahead. The trouble is, I forgot that this car does NOT have a fuel tank icon that lights up when it's time to refill.

Finally, the engine quit running, and would not restart at Sheley Rd., exactly next to *Miracle Tabernacle*. I could not reach anyone by phone at the church to beg a ride, so I prayed for help. I had just finished asking God for even a tiny a miracle (not wanting to be late) when an unemployed Vietnam veteran exited the Tabernacle parking lot, pulled up behind and asked if he could be of help.

Together, we 'push-ditched' my car west, off of Sterling, and the man then drove me to church.

I was grateful for God's blessing: the Good Samaritan, his help, and that I had a \$10 bill with which to express my gratitude.

Those who were at church then could probably see my embarrassment. I was also disappointed because I was unable to play the special 4th of July prelude. Thank you for being so receptive and for singing "Glory, Glory Hallelujah!" with such enthusiasm and gusto. THAT made my day!

I feel it is important for you each to know the "*whole story.*" - Dale

We Could Just Pop Our Buttons

From days of yore there was a character called "Downwind", from the Smiling Jack comic strip, who was always popping his buttons. We here at Northern Blvd. UMC can also pop our buttons with pride. Two of our young ladies, Samantha and Ashley Morain, recently attended the Universal Cheerleading Association Camp in Warrensburg. The William Chrisman Varsity won all blue ribbons. In addition three members, including Ashley and Samantha, won All-American Cheerleaders, which qualifies them to participate in the London New Year's Day Parade. Congratulations girls! And congratulations to their parents for encouraging them to recognize and use their gifts. An article with pictures appeared in the July 15th Independence Examiner.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, June 28 for the monthly breakfast meeting. After Rev. Sally asked the blessing, all enjoyed a delicious breakfast. Those in attendance were: Morris and Bettijeane Evans, Cy Fields, Richard Delmont, Revs. Sally and Randy DeMasters, and Gary Hard.

Morris read a letter from the United Methodist Men's Foundation, requesting money to assist with the Boy Scout program which the foundation supports. It was moved, seconded, and voted to send a donation of \$100.

Plans were discussed for the baseball game at the Royals stadium, on Friday, July 17. The National United Methodist gathering will be in Nashville, Tennessee on the second weekend of July; the Missouri President Bill Mooney has chartered a bus, and a flyer about this arrangement will be posted.

The other flyer passed around was for "Project Shine," the project to spruce up the schools newest to the Independence School District. Lori Smith also spoke about this during our worship service.

We discussed the domino club, which is going well. Rev. Sally will contact other Independence churches to invite people also.

Another topic of discussion was the *Independence Examiner* article on Edna Doudney, the caps she knits, and her life. Congratulations! Gary invited us to the "Hypno Show" he is doing at Mount Washington United Methodist Church this afternoon.

Morris read a humorous poem about heaven. There being no further business, the meeting ended.

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As the funeral of Alcidene Pendleton had been held the day before, we shared fond memories of her. All remarked what a tribute the large attendance at the service was to her.

It was mentioned that the "Melon Feast" would be that night at 6 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

Worship Arts Camp

The purpose of Worship Arts Camp is to expose children to various art forms that can be used as an expression of joyful and interactive worship and as a path to an authentic faith in Christ.

Worship Arts Camp is sponsored by the Heartland District of the United Methodist Church and by the following local congregations: Christ United Methodist Church, Glenwood Park United Methodist Church, Mount Washington United Methodist Church, and Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church.

Worship Arts Camp will be held at Christ United Methodist Church located at 14506 E. 39th Street, Independence, MO east of Noland Road between Noland and Phelps Road.

Camp will be August 3-7, from 5:30 until 8:45 with a sit down supper included. Parents and grandparents may come on Friday evening at 7:45 for a showcase session where students share what they have learned.

Each student will sign up for three choices and one alternate selection. Each class is held for 45 minutes each evening. Every effort will be made to give each student his/her three favorite choices, however, some classes may fill up quickly, so it is best to register early.

The cost of this camp is \$10 which includes the supper and supplies. Our instructors are dedicated to making this a fun and meaningful experience for each student. Camp scholarships are available for those needing assistance. The class topics are: Beginning Guitar, Handbell Chimes, STOMP, Banner Design, Mural Design, Video Lab, Drama Skits, Puppets, Creative Dance, Twigs, and Sign Language.

If you would like a registration form or would like more information, please contact Rev. Sally at 252-7977. You can also contact Kathy Vest at Christ United Methodist church at 461-1101 or kvest@icumc.org.

Thank You

To all the ladies of the church:

Thank you, thank you for the very nice dinner prepared for the family and friends of my wife, Alcidene. Everyone was impressed at how good the food tasted.

Thank you, John Pendleton

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Most of you are probably acquainted with Edna Doudney. She is our oldest member, having turned 97 on July 12. She is a most remarkable Christian lady, and now even more people know it!

In May, at a United Methodist Women's Anna circle meeting, the members were treated to the sight of knitted caps which Edna Doudney had been making to send to children on Native American reservations. (She has made 113 of them!) This is a national project which is on-going, and meant to help prevent the ear infections and illness the children had been having. Cathy Decker, Edna's daughter, also proudly displayed the thank-you letter and photograph which the children had sent to Edna. The members of the circle were impressed and delighted, and convinced that this was a newsworthy accomplishment which needed to be celebrated.

One thing led to another. We decided to dedicate the caps in worship on Sunday, June 14. In response to a message I had sent, Max Marble, of the Creative Ministries of the Missouri Annual Conference, came to worship on that day and filmed a "MissionCast" video, featuring an interview with Edna and the dedication. This "MissionCast" was distributed via Internet through Missouri, for use in the Methodist churches. Later, on June 26, the Independence

Examiner ran a story and photo all about Edna and the knitted caps. The Co-Builders Sunday School Class, of which Edna is a member, had her speak about her life for their monthly class party's program in July. Edna and Cathy have received numerous phone calls and contacts regarding the newspaper article and video, from folks who once knew Edna, and from others who would like to help with the project themselves.

Now, Edna has two displays of her knitting at the shop, Knitcraft, next to Marshal's Home and Jail Museum, on the south side.

We are so blessed to have Edna as our sister in Christ. She sets us a very fine example of Christian service and character.

May God continue to bless her and all of us,

Rev. Sally

"The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God. In old age they still produce fruit; . . ."

Psalms 92: 12-14a

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