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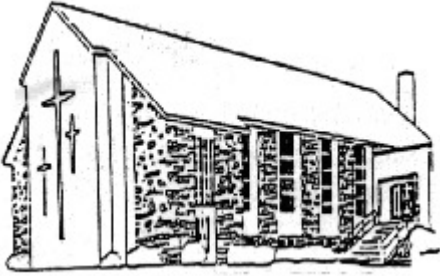
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



March 15, 2009

Fish Fry

We are having a Fish Fry on Saturday, March 21st, from 11:00am-5:00pm. The menu will include two catfish fillets (1/2lb), coleslaw, potato salad, corn bread, and fruit salad. The cost will be \$7 per ticket. You can purchase additional fillets for \$2 each. You can dine in or carry out. Please see Morris Evans for tickets. We hope that you will all make plans to attend and bring your family and friends with you.

Biscuits & Gravy

The next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be this Saturday, March 14th from 8:00 to 11:00am. The next one in March will be on Saturday, March 28th. For \$4 you can get all you can eat biscuits and gravy and help pay for our yearly apportionments.

Newsletter Deadline

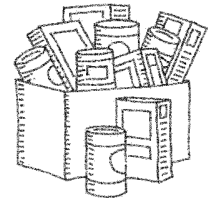
If you have items to go into the next newsletter, please make sure they are turned in to the office no later than first thing, Thursday, March 26th.

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 28th from 9:30am to 1:00pm. 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 March we are collecting Soap & Deodorant for Crossroads Temporary Housing Shelter.



For the Food Pantry we are collecting Canned Fruit, Fruit Cups & Boxes of Gelatin (no glass please).

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	3/1	52
	3/8	69
Sunday School	3/1	28
	3/8	27

OFFERING

	3/1	\$3,074
	3/8	\$1,740
Noisy Offering for 3/1-3/8		\$83.83
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

Nothing But Nets Collection		\$389
Ash Wednesday Service Offering		\$93

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$1,953	\$14,628
District Apportionments	\$100	\$1,900
2 nd Mile Goals	\$493	\$2,482

February's income was \$7,683.18 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 3/10/09: **\$ - 8,031.36**

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 6th through Saturday, May 9th. 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.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Domino Club, every Friday at 1:00pm.
- Administrative Board Meeting: Sunday, March 15th at 6:00pm.
- United Methodist Men's Breakfast & Meeting, Sunday, March 22nd
- Safe Sanctuary Task Force Committee Meeting, Sunday, March 22nd, after church
- Birthday Dinner, Talent Show & Potluck: Sunday, April 26th at 5:00pm.
- Red Ribbon BBQ: Sunday, May 31st after church. The meat will be provided. We ask that you please bring a side dish.

Coupon Exchange

Are you a Coupon Queen or King? Would you be willing to take on heading up a coupon exchange? Everyone brings the coupons they will not be using, and other people can help themselves. We would need a place to put them, and someone to oversee the project (set up location, clip coupons, place in folders by category, watch for expiration dates). If you would be willing to organize, please contact the church office.

United States Flag Donation

Our flag that hangs from the flagpole in front of the church is beginning to look a little ragged and will have to be replaced soon.

Does anyone have a vinyl or fabric flag they would be willing to donate? Any extras received will be saved for replacement as needed. We will plan a flag dedication to Veterans during the worship service. Please contact the church office if you have a flag to contribute.

North Rock Creek / Korte Elementary Wish List

The Staff and Teachers have comprised a Wish List of much needed items. Any help filling this wish list will be deeply appreciated:

Ziploc Bags (sandwich, quart, gallon sizes)
Lysol Spray
Clorox Wipes
Paper towels (soft)
Hand Sanitizer
Kleenex
Hand Soap
Baby Wipes
Tooth Brushes and Tooth Paste
Deodorants - Body Sprays
Hair Brushes, Combs and Hair Accessories
Cheap White Wash Cloths
Pencils
Pencil Sharpeners (hand held or electric if possible)
Dry Erase Markers
Erasers (that go on top of pencils)

Children Clothes (New or used, sizes 4—14):

Clothing for Boys & Girls (shirts, tops, coats, jackets, hats, etc.)
Boys & Girls Underwear
Stretch, Sweat or Elastic Band Pants
Jeans or Slacks
Belts
Boys & Girls Shoes and Socks - all sizes

Any donated items can be dropped off at the school or you can contact Tony Caudillo at 521-5430 or Peggy Ault at 836-3067.

Camp Discounts

Effective immediately, all Missouri Conference camps are \$25 below the published price. If you have already registered for camp, expect a refund check for \$25 to arrive any day. In addition to the price adjustment, other available discounts are:

- Early Bird Discount - \$25 off for each registration that is postmarked on or before April 16.
- Family Discount – 10% off for the second camper from the same household, 20% off for the third, 30% off for the fourth, and so on.
- Bring a Friend Discount - \$25 off your registration for each friend that you bring to camp that has not attended a MO UMC Camp for the last three years. No limit on the number of friends you can bring. Register today at www.mocamps.org. You may use the church computer if needed.

On March 29th the worship service will be conducted by the youth and children, and we will have a guest camp speaker (Brad North) during worship.

Holy Week Schedule

- Palm Sunday: April 5th
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, April 9th, 7:00pm
- Sacrificial Breakfast: Friday, April 10th, 9:30am
- Prayer Vigil: Friday, April 10th starting at 3:00pm and ending Sunday, April 12th at 6:00am (sign up sheet to be circulated to classes)

Easter Sunday, April 12th:

- Sunrise Service: at Mt. Calvary UMC, followed by breakfast hosted by Mt. Calvary UMC
- Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00am at NBUMC
- Easter Worship at 10:45am at NBUMC

Almost Angels

Guess who the “Almost Angels” are? That is the name of our youth group, which consists of youth from Northern Boulevard and Mount Calvary United Methodist Churches. A beautiful T-shirt has been designed, and you will soon be seeing them around the church.

February and March have been and are busy this year for the “Angels.” The youth put on the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which was very well attended and enjoyed. The proceeds, \$380, went to the “Nothing But Nets” project, to buy and send specially treated mosquito nets to Africa for the prevention of malaria. Bob Becker also paid a visit to the “Almost Angels” Sunday evening meeting, and gave a short talk on the disease of malaria itself.

A very special youth event is coming in March, sponsored by the Missouri Annual Conference. It is called “Confirmation Days with the Bishop,” and involves field trips to a Jewish synagogue, a Roman Catholic Church, a Greek Orthodox Church, and Paradise Park. There will also be an overnight at a church, with breakfast and lunch thrown in, and instructional time spent with our Bishop, Rev. Robert Schnase. This will be on the weekend of March 20-21. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about various religions and the United Methodist Church, and to have some fun and fellowship with other Methodist youth in our area.

Then, after Easter, the confirmation classes will begin at Northern Boulevard UMC, with the confirmation of the participants itself to be held in June, during worship.

The “30-Hour Famine”, the project to raise funds in aid for world hunger, which the youth do every year, had to be rescheduled due to a snowstorm. The event, 30 hours of a modified fast, will be over the weekend of March 27-March 29. Be ready to see some hungry and inspired youth that Sunday morning, and be prepared to donate to the worthy cause!

The youth sponsors are Allyn Thomas and Rev. Sally DeMasters, both Safe Sanctuary trained and certified adults. While the “Confirmation Days with the Bishop” are specifically for United Methodist youth, we welcome visiting youth at our meetings and other activities.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Good news! It's time for spring cleaning!

That may not sound like news to some of us, much less good news. However, it is "Good News," which is one definition of the message of Jesus Christ.

The "spring cleaning" I am referring to is the cleaning out of our hearts and souls. This "cleaning" also involves the freshening and renewal of our faith in Jesus. Normally, we call this time of year, within the church, the season of Lent. I have been defining Lent as a "sanctifying season," a special opportunity to get closer to God.

The seasons of the church year have great practicality to them, really. Just as it is good to set aside a regular time to get homes in order; it is good to set aside a regular time to get our hearts and souls in order.

It is so helpful to take stock, once in a while. Are our hearts and souls truly in line with our Christian beliefs? Or are we hanging onto old grudges, and worries, and resentments? Are we living lives of service and love and forgiveness, as Jesus taught? Or are we putting that off until later, some time in the distant future, when we get around to it?

Now is a great time to "spring clean" our own lives, and renew and restore our relationships with God. The traditional practices of Lent, which help us do this, include prayer, reading and studying the Bible, attending worship, and helping those in need (financially or otherwise). Even the "give up something for Lent", the most well-known practice of Lent, is truly in line with this, because anything (say, a bad habit or an excessive one) in our lives, which is standing in the way of our relationship with God, needs to go away, at least for a season, if not forever!

Let's take full advantage of this spiritual "spring cleaning" time, better known as Lent. Let's do all we can to get to Easter with the cleanest possible hearts and souls, prepared to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

May God bless you,

Rev. Sally

“. . . for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.”

Song of Solomon 2: 11-13a

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