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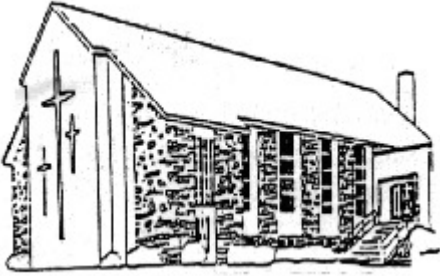
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



March 1, 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), cole slaw, 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 Saturday, March 14th 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.

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 12th.

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	2/15	104
	2/22	79
Sunday School	2/15	31
	2/22	38

OFFERING

	2/15	\$873
	2/22	\$1,899
Noisy Offering for 2/15-2/22		\$97.04
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

ELEVATOR FUND	\$25
COOK BOOK FUND	\$10
BUILDING FUND	\$15

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$1,649	\$14,932
District Apportionments	\$100	\$1,900
2 nd Mile Goals	\$362	\$2,613

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

General Fund Total as of 2/25/09: **\$ - 7,680.34**

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.
- Daylight Savings Time Begins: Sunday, March 8th.
- Administrative Board Meeting: Sunday, March 15th at 6:00pm.
- 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.

Note from the Organist

The year 2009 has been declared by the American Guild of Organists as "the year of the Organ." A serious national shortage of upcoming, young Organ musicians is occurring throughout the world, particularly in the United States. From time to time during '09, I will include a little information about the Organ music (or the instrument itself), will plan a children's demonstration of the Church Organ and other such activities to promote interest on the part of young people, especially, so they can recognize the instrument(s) they hear making music at Church. Hopefully their interest may grow into a desire to learn more, begin piano lessons and, eventually, organ lessons. (I'm not promoting myself as a teacher, necessarily, but know how to locate teachers for any persons who may show an interest). A particular goal - and joy - would be for even one young person at our church to show an interest so that they would be able,

eventually to play one piece of music (an Offertory, for example) during church sometime in the future. If someone had not "made" that possible in my life, I would not have developed my interest and gone the distance in serious music education and organ performance, music composition, vocal training and choral accompaniment and direction. Watch for further details -- and especially the worship enhancement statements which will appear from time to time in the church bulletins. - Dale G. Rider (former **Dean** of the Greater Kansas City Chapter, American Guild of Organists)

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, February 22, for their monthly meeting. There were 16 present. A blessing was asked, and all enjoyed a fine breakfast.

Morris thanked everyone for helping with the Appreciation Dinner, which was a great success. The honorees of this year were Kay Staples and Bob Becker. As of now, the total proceeds from the dinner amounted to \$1185.

Plans were made for the Fish Fry, coming up on Saturday, March 21. The menu will include catfish, potato salad, coleslaw, and cornbread. Serving will be in the Fellowship Hall and in the Cook Room. Lots of helpers will be needed. Mike Winburn will get the tickets ready, with the price being \$7. The proceeds will go directly to the church.

Rev. Sally reminded everyone of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, and the Ash Wednesday worship service. She presented an idea from a recent "Mission Moment" to help seniors get digital TV arranged for their homes; anyone interested in heading up that project would be greatly appreciated.

Morris read an inspirational item from the Internet. Then the meeting ended.

Change of Address

Please note the following members have moved and would appreciate cards or phone calls.

Cecil Keeler
Marguerite Weaver

You may contact the church office for their new addresses and phone numbers. They have been removed from this Newsletter since it is posted on the internet.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

So many things have happened lately, with our church. This week, Lent began. As is our tradition, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper, the time-honored meal meant to use up all the (formerly!) forbidden Lenten foods. The youth held the event, and the proceeds, \$385.00 will be sent to the "Nothing But Nets" program, which sends specially treated mosquito nets to Africa, for the prevention of malaria. Since the nets cost \$10, that is 38 lives we have helped! How wonderful.

The next evening was the Ash Wednesday worship service, when we make the commitment to have a holy season of Lent, so as to meet Easter Day with renewed and increased faith. In case you missed the service, or would like to have a copy of it, here is what our United Methodist Book of Worship calls the "Invitation to the Observance of Lenten Discipline":

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:
the early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a forty-day season of spiritual preparation. During this season converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism.

It was also a time when persons who had committed serious sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to observe a holy Lent: by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

This is our yearly time to make sure that we are in relationship to God, or to put it another way, to give God a special opportunity to work on us. And don't we all need it?

May God bless us all with a holy and transformative Lent this year!

Rev. Sally

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving."

Colossians 4: 2

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