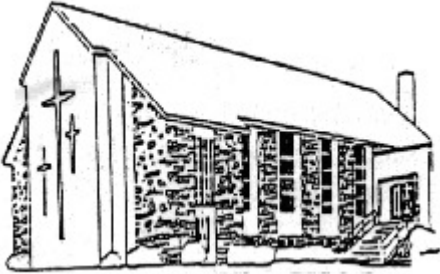


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serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



March 29, 2009

Vacation Bible School Fun Day

Vacation Bible School Fun Day is this coming Saturday, March 28th from 9:30am to 1:00pm. This is always a great time for the children. All children ages 3 through 6th grade are welcome to come.

Special Easter Offering

We are enclosing an Easter envelope with the newsletters that are mailed for those who would like to give a special offering during this Easter time to the church. There will also be envelopes available on the small table at the back of the sanctuary for those who do not receive the newsletter by regular mail.

Biscuits & Gravy

The next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be this Saturday, March 28th from 8:00 to 11:00am. In April they will be on Saturdays, April 11th & 25th. 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, April 16th.

Camp Discounts

Don't forget that in order to receive the early bird discount, registrations for camp need to be postmarked on or before April 16th. You can register on line at www.mocamps.org. You may use the church computer if needed.

Monthly Collections

For the month of April we are collecting Umbrellas and Rain Ponchos for Crossroads Temporary Housing Shelter.



For the Food Pantry we are collecting Canned Vegetables.

During the month of April all the Noisy Offering collected will go to the Spofford home, as April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	3/15	69
	3/22	83
Sunday School	3/15	33
	3/22	38

OFFERING

	3/15	\$1,231
	3/22	\$1,613
Noisy Offering for 3/15-3/22		\$77.38
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

One Great Hour of Sharing		\$125
Elevator Fund		\$25
Cook Books		\$10

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$2,276	\$14,305
District Apportionments	\$100	\$1,900
2 nd Mile Goals	\$620	\$2,355

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

General Fund Total as of 3/25/09: **\$ - 12,105.43**

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

Coupon Exchange

We need someone who would 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.

Upcoming Dates To Remember

- Domino Club, every Friday at 1:00pm.
- Worship Meeting, Thursday, April 2nd, 7:00pm. The Worship Committee **and** anyone and everyone who has an interest, idea, or suggestion for the worship services of our church should come. Refreshments will be served.
- Spring Cleaning Work Day, Saturday, April 4th, 10:00am. Everyone's help is needed.
- Birthday Dinner, Talent Show & Potluck: Sunday, April 26th at 5:00pm.
- Cinco de Mayo Camp Fundraiser Dinner, Tuesday, May 5th, 5:00-7:30pm
- Red Ribbon BBQ: Sunday, May 31st after church. The meat will be provided. We ask that you please bring a side dish.

Birthday Wishes

Jim Fields' birthday is coming up on April 16th. If you would like to mail him a card it takes around 7-10 days to get to him, so please plan ahead. His address is: CW2 Jim Fields, Operation Enduring Freedom, GCO TF 7-101, APO AE 09354.

Start Planning

Please keep in mind as you do your spring cleaning 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.

United Methodist Men

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, March 22, 2009 for their monthly meeting. Rev. Sally DeMasters said grace, and all enjoyed a lovely breakfast. There were 13 present.

Morris thanked all who helped with and attended the Fish Fry the previous day. There are still some food items left to sell, for after today's worship service. There were lots of good comments on the food, and after expenses, money was given to the church.

On April 4, from 8-10 a.m., the Heartland Central District United Methodist Men are hosting a Lenten Breakfast at Christ United Methodist Church, on 39th St. in Independence. The suggested donation is \$5, Rev. David Hackett will preach, and there will be special music.

On May 31, the church is having a "Red Ribbon Barbecue," with this group providing the meat. After some discussion, it was decided that we would have hot dogs and hamburgers, and bring our own barbecue grills to cook them. Richard will also buy some pulled pork. The side dishes will be provided by others in the church, and a free will donation will be asked.

As the area where we now display the plaque of the Homer Worley Award for Church Service and the pictures of the recipients is filling up, it was discussed and decided that the big bulletin board just inside the Fellowship Hall will also be a good place for this, when the time comes.

Gary Hard made a presentation for Dubli, an on-line auction, to be an on-going fundraiser for the church. Gary will be covering the cost to start this. The United Methodist Men approved the idea, and would like it to be presented to the church as a whole, and taken to the Administrative Board. The District Superintendent will also be consulted.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Lent is almost over. We are almost to Easter, the highpoint of the Christian year. Our season of Lent, which this year has been from February 25 through April 11, has been for the purpose of preparing our hearts and minds and souls for this most special holiday of Easter.

Easter celebrates and commemorates Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, and all that it means. In fact, the story of Easter, in itself, **is** the story of our Christian faith, if you think about it.

Jesus was put to death on a cross, most unjustly. In a direct sense, this was because of the jealousy of the scribes and the Pharisees, the unruliness of the mob, and the weakness of Pontius Pilate. In the bigger picture, Jesus died for all the sins of all the people ever, including us.

However, that was not the end of the story. Jesus also rose from the dead. He was resurrected, and made alive again. This event meant that sin and evil and cruelty did not, and do not, have the last word. This meant that goodness and innocence do triumph.

Or, as we say in the Communion prayers, Jesus conquered the power of sin and death. While sin and death still exist, they no longer are in charge, of us, or of the world. Jesus our Lord and Savior, knows the way out of the grave, and wants to show us the way, too! Jesus wants to guide us through this life, and to the life beyond this one, heaven.

So, there is much to celebrate at Easter! It is such a wonderful time to celebrate that we need to share it with one another, our friends, our family, our neighbors and co-workers and acquaintances.

Do be sure to come to church on Easter Sunday, April 12, and if you can, bring someone with you. We wouldn't want to keep this to ourselves!

God bless you,

Rev. Sally

"Jesus said (to her). 'I am the Resurrection and the life.'" *John 11: 25a*

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