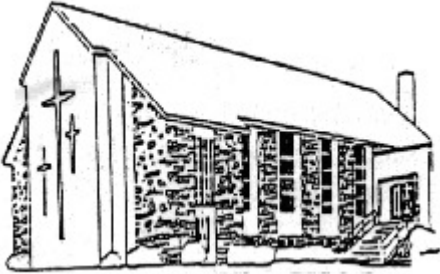


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serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



May 17, 2009

## Rummage Sale

We want to thank all those who donated all their items to the Rummage Sale, and we especially want to thank all those who worked so hard getting the sale ready, working during the sell, and packing up after it was over. Everyone's hard work was greatly appreciated. The Rummage Sale brought in \$2,030. Not only did it bring in money, but it also was a ministry to Hope House, Ozanam, Grand Avenue and several individuals.

## Biscuits & Gravy

We have Biscuits & Gravy coming up on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. After that, the next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 11:00am. We will only have one Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast each month throughout the summer on the fourth Saturday of the month. 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, May 28<sup>th</sup>. That will be the last newsletter before we go to the summer schedule of just one newsletter a month. Please take this into consideration when wanting to include a newsletter article. After May's last newsletter we will not have another one until June 25<sup>th</sup>.

## Monthly Collections

For the month of May we are collecting Washcloths for Crossroads Temporary Housing Shelter.



For the Food Pantry we are collecting Tuna and Tuna Helper. Please make sure the expiration date on your donations have not passed.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

#### ATTENDANCE

Worship	5/3	72
	5/10	94
Sunday School	5/3	28
	5/10	37

#### OFFERING

	5/3	\$3,215
	5/10	\$1,950
Noisy Offering for 5/3-5/10		\$90.72
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

Building Fund		\$10
Elevator Fund		\$20
Cook Book Fund		\$50
Camp Fund		\$368

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$3,037	\$13,544
District Apportionments	\$100	\$1,900
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Goals	\$998	\$1,977

April's income was \$857.39 more than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 5/13/09: **\$ - 11,618.92**

## **Upcoming Dates To Remember**

- Domino Club, every Friday at 1:00pm.
- Safe Sanctuary Training during the Sunday School hour at 9:30am this coming Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Red Ribbon BBQ: Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> after church. The meat will be provided. We ask that you please bring a side dish to share, and your own table service.

## **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.

## **Thank You!**

Well I made it again! Thanks to you all for your prayers and your cards.

- Jim Henderson

## **Family Day at the "K"**

United Methodist Day at the "K" will be on Friday, July 17, 2009. The KC Royals will play Tampa Bay. This evening will also be the grand opening of the Royals Hall of Fame plus the Hall of Fame Classic Game. Gates will open early for these events giving fans an opportunity to tour the Hall of Fame and watch batting practice prior to the Classic. The Classic Exhibition Game at 5pm will feature Royal greats against former MLB stars. The Royals game will be at 7:10pm, after the Classic Exhibition Game. There will also be a great fireworks show after the game. You can see all of this for \$14 a ticket. Please have your orders into the church office by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Address Correction**

Please note this correction of Bertha Hawley's address change that was printed in the last newsletter. Her address is available at the church office.

## **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women met for their May meeting on Wednesday, May 13, at 12:30 p.m. Thirteen persons were in attendance, including one guest and also the speaker. After Rev. Sally asked a blessing, all enjoyed a nice lunch provided by the Miriam Circle.

The unit recited the purpose of the United Methodist Women, then Dorothy Harvey read from the Prayer Calendar and the devotional, in the absence of Laura Smith.

The program was given by Connie Guerrero, a paramedic with MAST. It was most interesting, and we all are grateful for the emergency services in which she works.

The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given, and approved, also.

Social Action/Sandy Switzer: An excerpt was read from "Feed the Children" reminding us that summer is a hungry time for needy children who receive their breakfasts and lunches at school, during the school year. This summer we will be donating child-friendly foods. Since school supplies (or money to buy them) will be needed by late summer, it was voted that the United Methodist Women contribute \$50 to each of the following agencies: Della Lamb Community Services; Spofford Home for Children' and the Fairmount Food Pantry. More will be contributed later, if possible.

Education and Interpretation/Gladys Clayton: An article about the Sudan in the Interpreter was summarized, and all are encouraged to read this magazine.

Della Lamb Community Services: Thanks to Alcidene Pendleton and Kay Staples for arranging and delivering the basket for the Della Lamb fundraising auction.

Membership/Kay Staples: Anna Circle-2; Elizabeth Circle-1; Miriam-5; Unit Members-2; Guests-2; Pastor. A ribbon was given to Alcidene, for the Miriam Circle's winning attendance.

Other reports: Sacrificial Breakfast went well, with the collection given to Juliet Sherman, the speaker, for the church in Africa. The District Retreat had the theme, "The Bible Tells Me So," and 4 of our members attended. The Church Women United organization's May Friendship Day had an excellent program, part of which will be used at one of our future meetings. We will support the mission walk the UMW are having at Annual Conference with \$20. The School of Missions is July 23-26, at Central Methodist University; let Dorothy know if you would like to attend, as our budget can help those who go. Rev. Sally gave reminders about the church events for the coming weeks.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

## Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, May 2, 2009 for the monthly meeting. Those present were Gary Hard, Brenda Gfeller, Margie Friel, and Rev. Sally DeMasters. (Several members of the council were attending a United Methodist Women's retreat in Moberly.) The meeting opened with prayer.

Missions: For the Salvation Army Crossroads Homeless Shelter we will collect washcloths in May, and baby wipes and sanitizing wipes in June. For the Food Pantry, the May items are tuna and/or tuna helper, and the June item is peanut butter. Please remember that these items are chosen to be affordable to our church members, helpful to those receiving assistance, and that you are welcome to "pick and choose" what you would like to do!

This Week: The Cinco de Mayo Taco Dinner as fundraiser for church camp, and the Rummage Sale as fundraiser for the church. The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7, and Rev. Sally will provide a prayer and a reminder of this.

Safe Sanctuary: During the Sunday School hour, there will be training, with a speaker from MOCSA. All are encouraged to attend; this issue cannot be emphasized too much. There will also be a program for children, with age-appropriate lessons.

Fundraising: Margaret Mayes will head up the next Macy's "Charity Day," August 1. More information will follow.

Publicity: The Bristol Neighborhood Council which meets at our church will be running advertisements for us. Thank you!

Other May Events: Mother's Day is May 10, with "Muffins for Moms." Sunday, May 31 is Pentecost, (wear red!) and we have our Red Ribbon Barbecue, with the United Methodist Men providing the meat, and everyone bringing a dish to share and their own table service. Also that afternoon, at Chrisman Stadium is a Global Day of Prayer service.

Concerns were brought up about the H1N1 flu virus. Hand sanitizer has been purchased, and for now we will discourage shaking hands and hugging, as well as not join hands within the worship service. We will update this as needed.

Confirmation classes will be starting soon, and also a Bible Study. Prospective students need to let Rev. Sally know when they would like classes to be held. It was also decided that an e-mail Bible Study/question-answer format will begin.

Please reply by e-mail, or by phone to the church office, to let us know your preference for a summer Sunday schedule. The options are: leave as is; leave as is and add an 8:30 a.m. service; or start Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:15 a.m.

We need answers by May 24, then a decision can be made.

There being no further business, the next meeting was set for Saturday, June 13, at 9:00 a.m., and the meeting closed in prayer.

## Somewhere Out There

The theme for Annual Conference 2009 is "Somewhere Out There...the outwardly focused congregation"

Somewhere out there are many people who yearn for love, connection and hope. Imagine what happens when congregations with an outward focus intentionally see their mission as reaching out into their communities with the love of Jesus Christ. Hope is renewed and lives are transformed.

The following blog article was written by Bishop Schnase and is the last article in the Bishop's new book.

Imagine... 30 Somewhere Out There.....

*"If you see some brother or sister in need and have the means to do something about it but turn a cold shoulder and do nothing, what happens to God's love? It disappears. . . My dear children, let's not just talk about love; let's practice real love. This is the only way we'll know we're living truly, truly in God's reality."*  
**(1 John 3:17-19, THE MESSAGE)**

Somewhere out there is a five-year-old boy who doesn't know that right now plans are being made by a congregation he's never heard of to offer a neighborhood vacation Bible school that will change the direction of his life. The songs he will sing will stick in his mind, the stories of Jesus will enliven his imagination. The puppet show will make him laugh, the teacher will make him feel loved and welcomed, and the hospitality of those followers of Christ will so touch his mom and dad that they will take a small, unexpected step toward faith.

Somewhere out there is an elderly woman who feels like everyone has forgotten her. Her world has shrunk to her small apartment, the weekly trips to the grocery store, and the visits to the doctor's office. Her television has become her best friend. She doesn't know it, but right now a nearby congregation has awakened to the calling of God to invite people like her to a weekly lunch and to a chance to serve others. Soon she'll use her long-neglected skills to knit baby blankets that will wrap medical supplies bound for Central America, and this taste of community and purpose will save her life and give her a rebirth she never imagined possible.

*(...to be continued)*

## **Something from Sally**

Dear Friends,

Our next official church holiday is Pentecost. This year it falls on May 31. It is the birthday of the Church. That is to say, it is the birthday of all Christian churches everywhere. That is when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' faithful eleven disciples, sent by Jesus, after his ascension to heaven, just as he had promised.

This year we are celebrating Pentecost with a meal together, also, our first "Red Ribbon Barbecue." There's nothing like enjoying a meal and fellowship to celebrate, is there?

And we have so much to celebrate. We have the church to celebrate, ours, and all churches. Just think what the world would be like without church. Just think what our lives would be like without church. Things would be very bad without the presence of churches.

We also have the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to celebrate. Divine guidance, understanding, talents for ministries, comfort, strength, and all sorts of gifts come through the Holy Spirit.

As we normally do here in our church, we are asking that everyone wear red on the day of Pentecost. There will also be special touches for our Pentecost birthday party, in décor and music, and all. It will be a wonderful day to worship our God and celebrate God's great gift to us, the church. Don't miss it!

God bless you,

***Rev. Sally***

*"When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place." Acts 2:1*

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