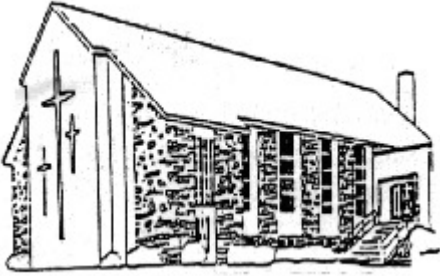


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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians
serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



November 8, 2009

Chili Day

We want to say a great big thank you to all who helped to make Chili Day a success! Through your hard work, and support we raised \$2,640.21!

Biscuits & Gravy

Our next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be on Saturday, November 21st. 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 Tuesday morning, November 17th.

Rebecca's Vacation

Rebecca Henning will be using some vacation days. We have had all the days volunteered for except one (Thursday, December 3rd). If you can help on that day, please let Rebecca know by calling the church office at 252-7977.

Monthly Collections

For the month of November we will be collecting non-alcoholic allergy and cold medicine for Crossroads Homeless Shelter, and soup and crackers for the Food Pantry (as well as mittens/gloves or money for the special Christmas collection).



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	10/25	67
	11/1	57
Sunday School	10/25	23
	11/1	25

OFFERING

	10/25	\$1,734
	11/1	\$2,571
Noisy Offering for 10/25-11/1		\$87.08
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009		\$2,987

MISSIONAL GIVING:

	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$5,369	\$11,134
District Apportionments	\$1,650	\$350
2 nd Mile Goals	\$2,540	\$435

October's income was \$158.19 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 10/31/09: **\$ - 11,054.42**

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, October 31st with the following persons in attendance: Margie Friel, Jeri Bothwell, Brenda Gfeller, Margie Carlock, Sandy Switzer, Fran Curry, and Rev. Sally DeMasters. Brenda opened the meeting with prayer.

Missions: The items to collect and donate to the Salvation Army Crossroads homeless shelter are non-alcoholic cold and allergy medicines in November, and facial tissues, and wet wipes for December. For the Food Pantry, we will continue the "mitten and dollar tree" (which can go until December 1), and in December we will collect canned dinners (beef stew, chili, chicken and dumplings, etc.).

October and November Church Activities: All the events of October went fairly well: Charge Conference, Bible School Fun Day, Children's Sabbath and United Methodist Women's Sunday, and Laity Sunday. We gave \$322 (in money and blankets) to Festival of Sharing. Chili Day netted \$2,640. The results are not yet available for "Shop for a Cause." The morning Bible Study will end on November 3. Saturday, November 14, our unit will be hosting the breakfast for the entire District of United Methodist Men. Sunday, November 22, is the community Thanksgiving service, sponsored by the Independence Ministerial Alliance, at the First Christian Church on the Square, at 3:00 p.m. The first Sunday of Advent is on November 29, and we do expect a certain special visitor.

December, Advent, and Christmas: There will be an Advent Bible Study, taught by Rev. Sally, during Sunday School hour for all adults, in the Cook Room. It will also be held on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. It was decided to give teddy bears to the Spofford Home for Children, for Christmas; we will need 51 medium-sized bears. We were undecided about holding the "Longest Night of the Year" service, December 21 or 22; please let Rev. Sally know if you would want to attend. On Sunday, December 20, we will have the children sing Christmas carols during the service, and we will also have a breakfast (juice, coffee, muffins, doughnuts, etc.). For Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24, we will have the 5-6:30 p.m. come and go Communion, and at 7p.m. the Candlelight Communion service, to which we will invite the Mount Calvary United Methodist Church.

Caring/Nurturing Team: Margie Carlock has been doing a lot of visiting, and keeping up with people who have been ill and/or absent.

Safe Sanctuaries: There have not been enough people taking the training this year, and we will put a strong emphasis on this next year.

January: We will plan for a dinner to start the New Year, on Sunday, January 3, 2010, right after church. This will be a potluck, and everyone is to bring their own table service.

It was decided that there not be a Council of Ministries meeting in December; the next one will be on Saturday, January 2, at 9:00 a.m. There being no further business, all joined hands, and the meeting closed in prayer.

Christmas Collection

If you would like to help the Fairmount Food Pantry provide Christmas to area residents in need, please bring gloves/mittens or tie a red ribbon around a dollar bill, and place in the basket that is in the foyer. Your gift will be added to the Mitten/Money Tree. We will be collecting these items through November.

Church Office and Holiday Schedule

We wanted to remind you that the church office is closed on Fridays. Also, as winter is approaching before we know it, we wanted to remind you that if the Independence School District is closed due to bad weather, the church office will be closed as well.

The office is also closed on all legal holidays. In November it will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th for Veteran's Day and Thursday, November 26th for Thanksgiving.

If there is an emergency while the church office is closed, please contact Rev. Sally at the parsonage.

Coupons

We have coupons available in the foyer for all to look through and take what would be used. These coupons are a great way to reduce your grocery and other necessity costs. If you have coupons that you are not using, please bring them to the church for others so they might be able to use them. If you have any questions, you may contact Linda West.

Address Change

Please note the following address changes:

Nadine Harnish
Wilshire Center at Lakewood
600 Meadow View Drive, #608
Lee's Summit, MO 64064

Betty Ingram will be moving to the following address at the end of November:

Betty Ingram
Carnegie Village
107 Bernard Drive
Belton, MO 64012

Domino Club

The Domino Club is still meeting every Friday at 1:00pm in the Cook Room. Please feel free to come and bring a friend with you. It's a great time of fun and fellowship.

Celebrate Thanksgiving with Independence!



The Independence Ministerial Alliance is holding a Thanksgiving worship service for all the community on Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church (125 S. Pleasant). This will be a musical worship service, with the theme of thankfulness, especially thankfulness for the blessings of living in the United States of America. A combined choir from First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church will sing the anthem, and there will also be lots of congregational singing of Thanksgiving and patriotic hymns and songs.

The collection received at the service will be divided between the Salvation Army Crossroads homeless shelter, Hillcrest Ministries, and Community Services League, for those in need who live in our community. The host church, First Christian, will provide refreshments afterwards.

This will be a great way to start out the week of Thanksgiving, and will help us appreciate the blessings which God has given us!

Please join us and invite your friends for our special Hanging of the Greens service on Sunday, November 29th, at 10:15am. We will have a special guest with us.



Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

I was thinking that it is time for Christians to start taking a stand against the destructive ways of our culture. Because of that I would like to issue the people of our church (including myself) a challenge.

Do you remember what happened last year, the day after Thanksgiving, the day so often (and now quite accurately) called "Black Friday"? At a Wal-Mart in Long Island, New York, an employee was trampled to death by crazed shoppers.

What a terrible and wicked thing to happen, especially in conjunction with the celebration of the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace! It must have broken His heart.

So here is the challenge: In honor of the Lord Jesus, and in memory of that poor employee, let us all buy at least **one less thing** this Christmas season. One less gift, one less self-indulgence, one less "obligatory remembrance" which will sit on a shelf, one less . . . something.

Put the money that would have been spent to a better use. Pay a bill. Give a little extra to our church or to a charity. Buy some necessity which was made in the United States (and may cost a bit more) than something more cheaply made in another country.

I would also ask that we all pray for peaceful and safe seasons of shopping and Christmas. Let us do all we can to make our Christmas celebration an honor to the One whose birthday it is.

God bless you,

Rev. Sally

“
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

Luke 2: 14

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