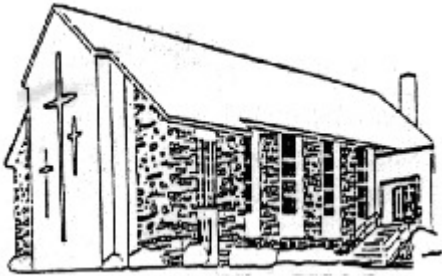


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serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



October 11, 2009

Chili Day

This year Chili Day is on Saturday, October 24th. The prices are: adults \$7, ages 6-12 \$5, ages 5 & Younger \$1. To purchase tickets please see Margaret Fields or Martha Machir. Also, please start planning for what you can make to contribute to the craft and bake sale. Linda West will be heading up the craft sale, so please contact her with any questions you might have.

Biscuits & Gravy

Our next Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast will be on Saturday, October 17th. The breakfast next month will be on Saturday, November 24th. 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, October 20th.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please be sure and let Rev. Sally and Randy DeMasters know how much they are appreciated.

Monthly Collections

For the month of October we will be collecting sweatshirts and hoodies for Crossroads Homeless Shelter (size large and up) and instant hot cereal for the Food Pantry.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

Worship	9/20	54
	9/27	71
	10/4	52
Sunday School	9/20	24
	9/27	31
	10/4	21

OFFERING

9/20	\$865
9/27	\$1,617
10/4	\$3,089
Noisy Offering for 9/20-10/4	\$120.46
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009	\$2,987

BLANKET SUNDAY	\$295
SHOP FOR A CAUSE	\$60
COOK BOOK FUND	\$205
ELEVATOR	\$45

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$4,964	\$11,539
District Apportionments	\$1,650	\$350
2 nd Mile Goals	\$2,200	\$775

September's income was \$7,847.61 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 9/30/09: **\$ - 10,557.08**

Rebecca's Vacation

Rebecca Henning will be using some vacation days. We have had four days volunteered for, but we still could use a volunteer on one more day, Thursday, December 3rd. If you can help on that day, please let Rebecca know by calling the church office at 252-7977.

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.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Bible School Fun Day: Saturday, October 10th, 9:30am-1:00pm.
- Festival of Sharing: Saturday, October 17th
- Shop for a Cause Day at Macy's: Saturday, October 17th (You can start purchasing your discount card for \$5 now. The church will be able to keep all the money raised).

Thank You

Dear Friends at Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church,

We want to thank you all for the prayers, cards, calls, and Christian concern you have sent our way for Randy's back surgery. We really appreciate this support. It means so much to us, and has been very helpful and comforting. It is great to have such a caring church!

God bless you all,
Revs. Sally and Randy DeMasters

United Methodist Men

On Sunday, September 27, the United Methodist Men met for their monthly breakfast meeting. Rev. Sally asked a blessing, and all enjoyed a fine meal. Those present were: Mike Amerine, Mike Winburn, J.D. Owsley, Jeri Bothwell, Bettijeane and Morris Evans, Cy Fields, Jack Curry, Chuck Harvey, Richard Delmost, Bob Becker, Lloyd Carpenter, and Rev. Sally DeMasters.

Morris announced that our unit would be hosting the District United Methodist Men's Breakfast on Saturday, November 14, starting at 8:30 a.m. The menu will include scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, and cheesy potatoes. Our expenses will probably be more than covered.

The new procedure from American Foods is that there must be a \$200 minimum when ordering supplies, so we will need to plan accordingly.

Chili Day is coming soon, Saturday, October 24. Morris will order the needed supplies this week, and shop around for the best deals at our local stores. Tickets and flyers are now available. Friday, October 23, will be the work day, to get everything prepared for the next day.

We voted to donate \$100 for "Strength to Service" a daily devotional book for those serving in the military. These books last one full year, and we are happy to continue this project, which we began participating in last year. Rev. Sally reminded everyone to pray for peace, every day.

Rev. Sally gave a reminder of the October activities.

Morris read two funny items from the Internet. The first was about being busy; **Being Under Satan's Yoke**. The second was "The Computer Swallowed Grandma."

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

Council on Ministries

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, October 3, 2009 with these persons present: Brenda Gfeller, Margie Friel, Margie Carlock, Dorothy Harvey, Mike Winburn, Jeri Bothwell, Fran Curry, Sandy Switzer, and Rev. Sally DeMasters. Brenda opened the meeting with prayer.

The month of September was discussed, especially the Open House Pancake Breakfast. Attendance went well, with expenses met.

Missions—For September, 197 pairs of socks were collected, and will be distributed to Fairmount Food Pantry, Grand Avenue Temple, and Crossroads Homeless Shelter. For October, we are collecting instant hot cereal for the Food Pantry, and sweatshirts and hoodies (size large and up) for Crossroads. In November we will give non-alcoholic allergy and cold medicines (including aspirin) to Crossroads, and soup and crackers to the Food Pantry. This year, to help with Christmas for the Food Pantry, we will have a “mitten and dollar tree.” We will set it up now, through November 15, and you can hang either a pair of mittens or a dollar (red ribbons will be provided so that dollar bills can be rolled up and hung like ornaments) on the Christmas tree.

Festival of Sharing—This is Saturday, October 17, in Sedalia at the fairgrounds. United Methodist Women’s circles are working on kits, and Martha Machir has made blankets to donate. On Sunday, October 11, at Central United Methodist Church, there will be a drop-off for the items, if no one is able to attend on the day itself.

Worship—Both Bettijeane Evans and Dianna Parrick are going to learn how to run the worship screens. This will be a big help, thank you! There will not be a Christmas cantata this year, but a certain special visitor will be here the first Sunday in Advent, November 29. This was a great success last year, and we even had a picture in the United Methodist publication, Bridges.

United Methodist Women—Sunday, October 11 is our Children’s Sabbath/United Methodist Women Sunday, with a speaker from Spofford. The unit meeting is on Wednesday, October 14, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a District meeting at St. James United Methodist Church, on Saturday, October 24.

Children’s Ministries—Bible School Fun Day is Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for children ages 3 through 6th grade. Kay Staples and Margie Carlock will be providing the breakfast and lunch. There will be a brief planning meeting for this at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 8. The banner for this should be ready soon. Also, there are a few more people in need of Safe Sanctuary training for 2009.

Chili Day—This is set for Saturday, October 24. Tickets are available; please see Margaret Fields for tickets to buy and sell. Take a colorful flyer to post. The United Methodist Men are making and serving the soup and chili. Linda West is in charge of the crafts and other items to sell. We will be getting and selling packages of nuts, both in preparation of the baked goods we sell at Chili Day, and to sell on the 24th. This is a very important fundraiser for the church, and we need everyone to do all they can!

Community Activities—The “Cop Shop” in Englewood is having a fundraiser, at Maywood Baptist on Thursday, October 8, from 4-8 p.m. Come and enter the contest for best spaghetti sauce and/or apple pie! See Rev. Sally for tickets. At present, we will not be able to host a flu shot clinic, as we had hoped. The “Shop for a Cause” fundraiser is October 17—see Margaret Mayes for the \$5 tickets (the \$5 goes to the church, and gets you some terrific discounts at Macy’s/Independence Center that day!) The Salvation Army needs “bell-ringing” help at area stores; Rev. Sally will look into this for the youth. Glenwood Park United Methodist Church is hosting a “Potato Drop” on Saturday, October 31. This means they are giving out 10 pound bags of potatoes, free, to those in need. They would appreciate any volunteer help to sack potatoes and distribute them.

Cares and Concerns—Margie Carlock has been doing quite a bit of visiting to those who are shut-in and not in attendance, thank you. Margie Friel reminded us to please send birthday cards to Fern Parks—her 100th birthday is on October 22!

There being no further business, we all joined hands and closed in prayer.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

A happy October to you!

One of the things which the pastors of our state are doing is participating in a Pastoral Leadership Development course. One book we are reading for it is called Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern Age, by Richard L. Hamm. I wanted to share a couple of paragraphs of that book with you, because I found them so interesting.

"Exodus comes to mind, again. The people wondered aloud to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?"

It was an understandable display of impatience. The distance between Egypt and Canaan [the Promised Land] was perhaps two weeks on foot. So why were the Hebrews out there in the desert for *forty years*?

As one reflects on the wilderness story, the answer becomes obvious. The Hebrews had been slaves to the Egyptians for many generations, and slavery is much more than just an economic or political state. Slavery soon becomes a social, emotional, and spiritual state. Slavery soon becomes a social, emotional, and spiritual state. After so many generations, slavery becomes *internalized*. Now it was time for the Hebrews to come into their own as a people; to become a distinct people who would be used by God to bless the world. God wanted no one to bring a slave mentality with them into the Promised Land! After forty years, the memory of slavery would be nearly eliminated. Even Moses himself was not allowed to cross the river into the promised land. Joshua would be the new leader."

One reason I found this interesting is that I had always considered forty years a *long* time to be lost in the wilderness. But more importantly is the idea of letting our ways of thinking become "enslaved," and forgetting that God has created us, just as God created the Hebrews, to be free. We are free to joyfully obey our God, by loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. We are free to find newness of life, and receive the blessings which God wants so much to give us, if we will only accept them.

God has never meant any of us to be slaves to anything or anyone! We are meant to be God's beloved children, not people living under a shadow!

If there is anything holding us back from that, let's start fresh and renew our commitment to Christ.

May God bless you,

"...choose this day whom you will serve, . . .; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24 :15

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