

# NORTHERN BOULEVARD UNITED METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER

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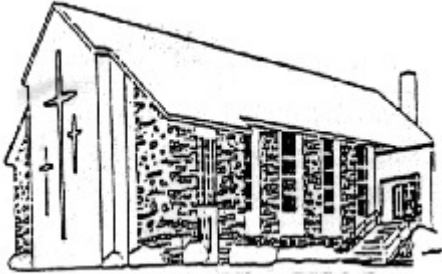
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



September 27, 2009

## Chili Day

This year Chili Day is on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 this coming Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. The breakfast next month will be on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. For \$4 you can get all you can eat biscuits and gravy and help pay for our yearly apportionments.

## Worship Schedule

The votes are in. The majority voted to continue with having Sunday School at 9:00am and Worship at 10:15am, which is what we will do. (43 to 34 was the vote total).

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

## Monthly Collections

For the month of September we are collecting Socks of all sizes for men, women and children for the Food Pantry, Crossroads Homeless Shelter and Grand Avenue Temple.



In October we will be collecting sweatshirts and hoodies for Crossroads (size large and up) and instant hot cereal for the Food Pantry.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

#### ATTENDANCE

Worship	9/13	69
Sunday School	9/13	29

#### OFFERING

9/13	\$1,393
Noisy Offering for 9/13	\$39.35
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009	\$2,987

#### MISSIONAL GIVING:

	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$4,648	\$11,855
District Apportionments	\$1,350	\$650
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Goals	\$2,057	\$918

August's income was \$2,534.89 more than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 9/23/09: **\$ - 11,762.97**

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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**

- Danny Hazelrigg & Erica Kelsey's wedding: Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm at St. Mark's Catholic Church (on Lee's Summit Rd.). Reception is at 5:30pm at the Blue Springs Party Place (810 SW Sunset St).
- Bible School Fun Day: Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am-1:00pm.
- Festival of Sharing: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>
- Shop for a Cause Day at Macy's: Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> (You can start purchasing your discount card for \$5 now. The church will be able to keep all the money raised).

## **Bible Study**

We are starting a new Bible study class. The study book is called God's Project: Effective Christians, by Kathie Helper, in the "Great Themes of the Bible" series. The classes will be on Tuesday: the morning class at 10:00am and the evening class at 7:00pm. They began on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> and run through Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Blanket Sunday**

When disaster strikes, people often need blankets – and much more. They need food, shelter, safe water. And, as the recovery process unfolds, they need tools, training, and other resources to help them rebuild their lives.

Contributions to Blankets+ means that Church World Service is there for the long haul as families recover from a disaster. Through Blankets+ you can make a world of difference for people in need.

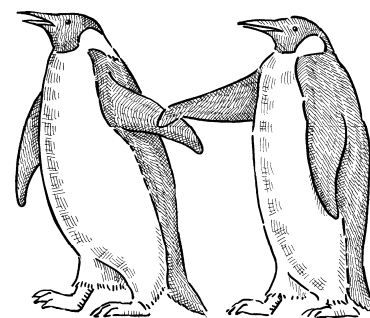
\$25 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by an earthquake or other disaster. If you cannot give that amount, then please consider donating \$5 for one blanket.

This Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> will be our last day that will be taking up a collection for Blankets+.

## **Festival of Sharing Blankets**

In the past Martha Machir has made blankets for Festival of Sharing. If you would like her to make one for you to donate to as well, please let Margaret Fields (836-0827) or Martha Machir know. The cost to make the blanket is \$14 each. There are two different kinds that can be made. Festival of Sharing is October 17<sup>th</sup>, so she would need to know as soon as possible so that she can get them made in time.

Thank you for your support for Festival of Sharing and thank you to Martha Machir for being willing to use her talent in this way.



**Bring a Friend This Sunday**

## **Council on Ministries**

The Council on Ministries met on Saturday, September 12, 2009, with the following persons present: Brenda Gfeller, Mike Winburn, Dorothy Harvey, Jeri Bothwell, Fran Curry, and Rev. Sally DeMasters. Brenda opened with prayer.

**Missions projects**—For September we are collecting socks for the Fairmount Food Pantry, Crossroads, and Grand Avenue Temple. For October, we will collect and donate sweatshirts and hoodies for the Crossroads homeless shelter, and instant hot cereal for the Food Pantry.

**Recap of August**--The Worship Arts Camp at Christ UMC went well, and Rev. Sally will call to start the schedule of the "traveling" art projects and performances. Ruth Bronson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration went very well.

**Evangelism**—The doorhangers about the September 20<sup>th</sup> Open House/Pancake Breakfast are ready, and will be distributed to the neighborhood on Sunday, September 13. As well as breakfast, those who attend will be given a handout about the history of Northern Boulevard, in celebration of the 120 years of its existence.

**Chili Day**— This is set for Saturday, October 24. Mike will have the tickets ready to give to Margaret Fields and Martha Machir on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Morris has things lined up for the meal. Dorothy will mail flyers for it to the United Methodist Women's units in our area.

**United Methodist Women**—Unit meetings have resumed. There is a Bible study at Christ UMC on Saturday, September 19, 10-2, bring a sack lunch. The Conference meeting is on Saturday, September 26 in Poplar Bluff. The District fall meeting is Saturday, October 24.

**Important Church Business Meetings**—Administrative Board meeting, Sunday, September 20, after church. Charge Conference (in combination with other churches) on Saturday, October 3, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul UMC.

**Sunday School**—Laura Smith is finishing her summer term as youth teacher. She has done a wonderful job, and has our thanks and appreciation. Fran Curry will now take the class.

**Safe Sanctuary**—The training is set for September 13, right after worship, with a MOCSA speaker.

**Bible School Fun Day**—Saturday, October 10, with a Halloween theme.

**Children's Sabbath/United Methodist Women's Sunday**—This is set for Sunday, October 11, with a speaker from Spofford Home for Children to preach the sermon. Fran has planned the worship. A \$50 gift basket has been donated for the Spofford fundraiser.

**Miscellaneous**—The parking lot has been re-sealed, and looks great! Mike suggested we host a flu-shot clinic; Rev. Sally will contact the Independence Health Department. We are running out of mugs to give to visitors. We will try to get a young artist to design one, and discuss the expense side of this with the Finance Committee. Saturday, October 3, the Cub Scouts will hold a Pancake Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall, from 7 a.m. to noon. October 8, at the Maywood Baptist Church, is a fundraiser, consisting of a spaghetti sauce competition, for the Englewood police station, from 4-8p.m. November 22 is Bible Sunday, when we will present Bibles to our third-graders. Nominations Committee will meet on Thursday, September 24, to prepare for the Charge Conference.

The October meeting is set for Saturday, October 3, from 8:30-9:30 p.m., just before the Charge Conference. There being no further business, all joined hands, and the meeting closed in prayer.

## **Charge Conference**

The church's Charge Conference has been scheduled for Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 from 10:00am to noon, at St. Paul United Methodist Church (on Sterling). This year our District Superintendent, Rev. Villa, is using a different format. Several churches will be coming together for their charge conferences. There will be a minimum of church business (election of churches' officers and setting the pastors' salary packages). The rest of the conference will be focused on learning, growing, and the enhancement of our Christian faith.

Please be thinking and praying about how God is calling you to serve our church. We need your help and participation! If you have some ideas for this area, please let Rev. Sally know.

## **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women met on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, for the first meeting after the summer break. Sixteen persons were in attendance. Rev. Sally asked a blessing, and then all enjoyed a very good lunch. The Purpose was recited by all. Laura Smith read from the Prayer Calendar, and then gave the devotional, which was about the word "habit."

The Treasurer's report was given, and approved, to be filed for audit. In the absence of the Secretary, President Dorothy Harvey read three pieces of correspondence: thank-you notes from Spofford, Community Services League, and Della Lamb, each of which had received a gift of \$50 from the unit. Another contribution we made over the summer was for the Mission Walk at Annual Conference, in June.

Dorothy showed us a flyer from another church, and suggested that we have some made up for our Chili Day, and she would mail them to other United Methodist Women's units in the area. Also, please contact Margaret Fields if you would like to have Martha Machir make a blanket to be given to Festival of Sharing (the cost is \$14).

### Calendar items:

- Saturday, September 19, mission study at Christ United Methodist Church.
- Saturday, September 26, All-Missouri United Methodist Women's annual meeting, Poplar Bluff, Missouri.
- Saturday, October 3, Charge Conference, St. Paul United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Sunday, October 4, World Communion Sunday
- Wednesday, October 14, Unit Meeting, 12:30p.m.
- Sunday, October 11, Children's Sabbath/ United Methodist Women's Sunday for worship service, speaker from Spofford
- Saturday, October 17, Festival of Sharing, Sedalia, Missouri
- Sunday, October 18, Laity Sunday
- Saturday, October 24, Chili Day (our own church) and District Fall Meeting

The slate of new officers for 2010 was presented and approved. The major changes are that Carol Mays will serve as President, Dorothy Harvey as Secretary, and Kay Staples as representative of Della Lamb. Thank you very much to our current President, Dorothy Harvey, and Secretary, Margie Friel, for all their hard work at these important positions.

Laura Smith presented the program, which was our annual Pledge Service.

## **Somewhere Out There**

*(Conclusion of the article by Bishop Schnase)*

Somewhere out there in an African village a young girl and her little sister read stories together in bed, both of them safely protected by a mosquito net bought by the youth of a rural church in the Midwest. No one can see it now, but she will grow up to become a doctor, relieving the suffering of thousands. She will live a full life that never would have been possible without a simple net and many generous young hearts across the globe.

People ask me what I hope happens when a congregation focuses on the Five Practices. When I picture success, I don't see smiling pastors with good preaching material or church committees with well-developed strategic plans. I imagine that somewhere out there, somewhere in Texas or California or Virginia or Michigan or Mozambique, somewhere in a town like yours or a neighborhood near you is a person who has no idea of the change that is coming his way or the grace that will transform her. I picture the person unknowingly prepared by the Spirit of God to receive the embrace of Christ that people will offer when they come alive with purpose and fulfill the mission of Christ.

Somewhere out there is a person God plans to use you to reach. Somewhere out there is a person God will use to change your life as you reach them. Somewhere out there is a person for whom Christ died, and for whom your church was built, and for whom God has uniquely prepared you to reach.

## Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

Today is the first day of autumn and it really feels like it! There is a nice breeze, the leaves are turning color. School has started **and** today was the first session of our fall Bible Study.

Somehow, fall seems like such a good time to start something new, especially some learning projects. Many churches have what they call a "Rally Day" to start off the new Sunday School year. While we don't have an official day, I would invite and remind you what a wonderful opportunity we have to learn about the Bible and our faith.

There are several groups which do this. The men's group (United Methodist Men) and the United Methodist Women's circles provide learning experiences. Our children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes do also, as well as Bible Study itself. Even choir can provide this experience, since the anthems and hymns deal with Scripture and the Christian faith.

The wonderful thing about studying the Bible and the Christian faith is that those subjects really penetrate and transform our hearts and lives. Such learning is always of benefit to us!

Now would be a good time to participate in some sort of learning in our church. You are welcome to attend Bible Study (Tuesdays at 10 a.m. or 7 p.m.) and/or any of the other ways mentioned above. Let's let this fall, full of times to learn, be one that brings us closer to God!

May God bless you,

*Rev. Sally*

*"Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Matthew 11:29*

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