



The Messenger

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An Invitation to Hands-On Mission



We are a strong mission church. We support missions generously. We are looking for ways to grow in number, grow in strength, and grow up into Christ. One of the best ways to bring new life to a congregation is to get involved in new ministries. Our mission work trip to Henderson Settlement in Kentucky is just such a venture. This mission trip is for adults who want to roll up their sleeves and do some hands on work. You do not have to be handy with a hammer, or skilled with a skillet to be of use. This United Methodist mission has a thrift store that always needs volunteers to help sort and stock items for the shelves, a craft center, education unit etc.

We will leave on Monday, September 13th and return on Saturday the 18th. The cost will be \$180.00 which includes food and lodging for the week. Sign up at the ministry center. If you have questions see Pastor Jim or a member of the missions committee.

Special Summer Sunday School Class

This Sunday the Church Growth Task Force will be speaking.

On July 4th Sheryl Nicholson (Chaplain at Dukes Hospital) will be speaking on "Advance Directives".

So grab a cup of coffee and a cookie and come down to Fellowship Hall for class!



DAY AWAY WITH P J ! TO THE FAIR OAKS DAIRY FARM

Wednesday, June 30th

We will leave the church around 9:00 a.m.

Approximate cost will be \$20.00 each which will cover lunch, admission and gas.

A sign-up sheet and information are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

The July "Day Away with PJ" will be on July 21st in Columbus, IN.

We will take the World Renowned Architecture tour, eat lunch at Zaharakos Ice Cream Shop, then take a tour of the Cummins Diesel Plant.

We will leave at 7:00 am and return at 6:00 pm.

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The Inside Story

Following is a devotional thought from our Bishop Mike Coyner. I believe it offers a healthy perspective on our responsibility as a United Methodist Congregation. I also believe that this same healthy attitude toward duty applies to us as individuals. As members of a local congregation we have a responsibility to honor our membership vows by supporting the Church with our prayers, (seeking God's will by developing an attitude of good will through daily prayer) presence (regular attendance in worship), gifts (sharing of financial as well as spiritual gifts), service (offering our time in ministry) and witness (showing/telling others about Jesus).

In reading Bishop Mike's E-pistle you will also get a sense of some of the open and lively discussion which takes place at Annual Conference. Although Main Street is among the 60% of churches that received members by "profession of faith" we fell short in meeting our fair share of financial responsibility for connectional ministries last year. However, there is serious interest and hope that we will fulfill our responsibility this year, let's pray that it will be so.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jim



PRAYER CONCERNS

Sonja Myers	Christine Ebert	George Hollarman	Ruth Hubbard
Vicki Utterback	Jean Ann Lautzenheiser	Paul Bullick	Margaret Burkhardt
Louise Hentgen	Ginny Kelley	Jim Daily	Judy Rice
Heather Carswell	Bob Kreag	Glenn Hill	Rex Lease
Christy Conner	Ramona Summers	Mary Clark	Kathryn Sholty
Dale Cook	Aundrya Black	Mardell Wayne	Helen Tucker
Joe Williams	Frances Lease	Smedley Graham	Nick Kersh
Rebecca Straley	Kim Edward Bowman	Steven Corn	Jack Jumper
Judy Satrom	Ralph Clymer	Tina Corn	Charlie Fisher
Eli Hannoy	Family of Rosemary Hammond		

JOYS

Answered prayers.



We are working on adding to our **Partners in Prayer** list. If a prayer concern is called in for the prayer chain, we need people to pray for this concern and then call the next person on the list. We also have an email prayer chain list, if you wish to be added to that. If you have any questions, or if you would be interested in joining in this very important ministry, please contact the church office at 472-3323.

HEALTH KITS

The UMW are filling health kits again this year. Please help with this great project. Last year we turned in 216 kits. This year our goal is 200 kits. We currently have 32 kits for the Haiti Relief, and these will also be turned in at the same time.

Donations are accepted and I'm glad to purchase the items. Make checks payable to United Methodist Women. Following is a list if you wish to purchase the items yourself:

- One hand towel (15" x 25" or 17' x 27")
- One wash cloth
- One comb (large and sturdy, not pocket size)
- One nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- One bath size bar of soap in original wrapper (3 oz. or larger)
- One toothbrush (single brushes in original wrapper)
- One tube of toothpaste (4.5 oz. or larger w/expiration date 6 mos. or more or the year of 2011)
- Six adhesive bandages (Band-aids)
- \$1.00 to help defray shipping expense

Thank you.
Margaret Kreag



Sunday, June 27th

Text: Luke 9:51-62

Message: "A High Expectation Savior"

Jesus saves, heals and forgives. But he also expects disciples to follow a narrow demanding way. To be a follower of Jesus we should expect resistance, rejection, persecution and suffering. Grace is freely given, but it is not cheap.

Sunday, July 4th

Text: Luke 10:1-11,16-20

Message: "Appointed and Anointed"

Jesus doesn't work alone. He appoints us as his followers to join him in his salvation of the world. But as he appoints us he also anoints us, blesses us to do the work and receive the rewards of his Kingdom.

Sunday, July 11th

Text: Amos 7:7-17 (with reference to Luke 10:25-37)

Message: "God Holds the Plumb Line"

The church, like Israel before us, lives under the judgment of God. We are accountable, not just to our own opinions, or what society says is right and wrong, but to God's judgment.

Sunday, July 18th

Today will be different. Pastor Jim will share some of his favorite hymns, a Bible text related to the hymn, and the story behind the hymn.

Sunday, July 25th

Text: Luke 11:1-3

Message: "Persistence"

Jesus says that we are to be persistent in prayer. Persistence characterizes the steadfast love of God

Church Growth Task Force

Many of you have heard from, or about, this newly formed Task Force - and more information will be coming soon. Although Church Growth does not happen overnight, all of us realize that it is time for this church to "get the ball rolling". We are committed to finalize our "purpose and goal" statement within the next weeks, which will then be presented to the entire congregation. In the meantime, we also realize there are projects and activities that can get underway immediately to support our efforts in attracting and retaining new members. Information on these projects will be forthcoming in Sunday bulletins, worship, and perhaps additional discussion times during Sunday School. A more informative article will be in the August Newsletter. If you would like more information, please call the church office for a listing of Task Force Members whom you may contact.

MISSIONS NEWS

We are in need of cookies and bars as well as volunteers to help serve the refreshments at the Preschool Parents Night in August. Also needed are "special storytellers/readers" for the Preschool classes during the coming year. Please contact Leslie Scott, members of Missions Committee, or the church office if you can help. The committee is taking the month of July off but will resume in August.

Troop Support is an on-going mission. If you have any family or friend serving our country - stateside or abroad - please submit their name, branch of service, duty station (if possible) and any other information you would like posted on our "Military Support" board.

The mission trip to Henderson Settlement is coming in September. Please see the article about this trip on another page of this newsletter.

Have a joy-filled and happy summer.
The Missions Committee



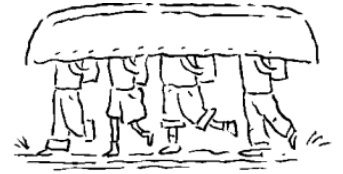
From May 28th through August 27th
Monday thru Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to Noon

YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, July 11th Youth Council meets after 10:30 service.

UMYF Annual Canoe Trip (rescheduled from June 27)
Will leave from church after 10:30 service.

Sunday, July 16-17th UMYF Lock-In



Looking ahead:

Monday, August 2nd UMYF Deep River Water Park
Saturday, August 21st UMYF Miami County Beautification Day
Sunday, August 29th UMYF Fall Youth Rally at Epworth Forest

Friends are welcome at all our youth activities.



Congratulations ...to Dorothy Cupka

Dorothy graduated from Purdue University with an honors degree in chemistry and biochemistry. She has moved to Dallas, Texas, where she is a PhD candidate with the University of Texas Southwest School of Biomedicine.

THANK YOU!
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I would like to thank all of you that attended the Methodist Men's Father/Child supper. I would also like to thank the Methodist Women for preparing a delicious meal. And a big thank you to Marybeth Fites for being the guest speaker and giving a wonderful message.

*Don DeWald, President
United Methodist Men*

**LOOKING
AHEAD**

The Methodist Men are planning a baseball outing on August 14th to see the Indianapolis Indians.
More details to follow as we get closer.

Come join the *Women of Faith* annual event
in Indianapolis on August 20-21 at Conseco Fieldhouse.
Inspirational speakers, music, a special guest, and much more.
For more information call Stacia Bonifant or Kay Weideman.
www.womenoffaith.com/overthetop

