

The First Connection

Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ
Blue Springs First United Methodist Church

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY



On Sunday, May 23, we awarded scholarships and celebrated our graduating Seniors.

Scholarship awards from the congregation of First Church include: Annalisa McKenna, Libbie Kaufman, Olivia Hunt, Ashley Walls, and Grace Hunt.

The Paul Rand/United Methodist Men's scholarship was awarded to Kyle Alberg and Taylor Starks.

The Independents Single Adult Ministry awarded the following:

Scholarship for a child from a single-parent family was awarded to Jessica Anne Davis.

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- Memorial Day Holiday—No Youth on May 30
- Office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 31
- Job Club, 7:00pm on June 1
- BRIDGES Picnic, June 3
- Pastors and Lay Leaders to Annual Conference June 4-7
- Methodist Men's Breakfast—June 5
- Disaster Relief Ministry Meeting—June 5

NEWHOUSE DELIVERY

Event Coordinator Elizabeth Wheeler accepted the 38 gift bags for the women at Newhouse from Hearts and Hands members Sandy Whitehead and Sarah Barrows. Throughout the year, the group collects full-size hair care products, lotions, cosmetics, jewelry and other items for the Mother's Day Brunch at the domestic violence shelter.



Rev. Steve Campbell



Dear Friends,

This coming weekend is Memorial Day Week-

end. Saying or writing that phrase signals a number of things. Usually we think of this as the official beginning of summer. Schools are either out, or they are within a few days of being out, for the summer. For many of you it represents a traditional time when you gather with family or with friends because of the long weekend. Some of you will be making a journey to the burial place of a loved one, and it will be a time of memory and reflection. Whatever your plans for Memorial Day, I hope they are safe and meaningful. If you are among those who go to place flowers at the grave of a loved one, I pray you find joy in their memory, and comfort in your grief. We will be doing a traditional act of remembrance in each of our four services this weekend. Each worship gathering will have a time when you may come forward to receive a flower. A member of the Altar Guild will take the flower and place it in a vase on a table in front of the Chancel to make a beautiful bouquet. You will be able to step to the microphone and say the name or names of loved

ones you wish to honor. After we have all had the opportunity to come forward and honor our loved ones in this way, Rev. Karen will lead us in prayer. She will add her prayer to yours as we remember and give thanks. This service is certainly one of the wonderful worship traditions at FUMC. It is one of the most meaningful services of the year. I hope you will be present to say the name of someone whose memory is important to you.

Between now and the next issue of First Connection, we will have attended and returned home from the 2010 Missouri Annual Conference. You are represented by two Lay Members of the Annual Conference. They are Bob McDonald and Janice Bauch. Of course, Rev. Karen and I will be in attendance. One of the events will be the Retirement/Commissioning Service. Those of us who are entering the Retired Relationship will be recognized. Those candidates for ministry who have reached a certain stage of their preparation will be Com-

missioned toward Ordination as Deacons or Elders. Of course, there is an intentional symbolism to moving some out of active ministry and welcoming others in! And as

always, the appointments will be formally announced. Rev. Karen will be appointed to the United Methodist Church in Mexico, MO. Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes and Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon will be appointed as pastors of First United Methodist of Blue Springs. I know all four of us,

and our families, desire your prayers and support.

The pastors will be away from worship the weekend of June 5-6 attending the Annual Conference. However, worship that weekend will be especially inspiring. It is Cancer Survivors Weekend, and many of our own survivors will be participating in worship. Dr. Leanna Mosher will be sharing from her mission in Haiti. There will be a celebration of our Stephen Ministers. These will be inspiring times of worship with these lay leaders.

Grace and Peace to You,
Steve Campbell

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Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes and Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon will be appointed as pastors of First United Methodist of Blue Springs.

Fifth Sunday for Missions—May 29 and 30

Festival of Sharing will hold a special kit collection during the Missouri United Methodist Annual Conference the first weekend of June 2010 in Springfield, Missouri. Health Kits are being collected for persons affected by the earthquakes in Haiti and Chile.

The Missions Steering Committee of First United Methodist will be collecting Health Kits the **Fifth Sunday weekend in May, the 29th and 30th**. Listed below is what is included in the Health Kit; please include the \$2/kit shipping. Money will be kept separate and turned into the Conference to help defray shipping costs. Kits will be transported to the Annual Conference in June by our church lay team. Thank you for your help and generosity.

In the face of natural disasters, violence, or poverty, these kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families.

HEALTH KIT (value \$11)

Shipping—\$2/kit

1 hand towel (16" X 28")	1 wide-tooth comb (packaging removed)
1 nail clipper (packaging removed)	1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
1 washcloth	6 Band-Aids
1 toothbrush (in original packaging)	



Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with zipper closure. Make plastic bags as flat as possible and leave zipper open a half inch. Toothpaste will be added by Church World Service.

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS

Lucinda Armstrong
Alice Atkinson Nancy Ballew
Mark Batulis Bernie Dietrich
Virginia Evans Alice Lenning
Myrna Mardis George Mesik
Dick Moore Ed Norgren
Irene Ray Bob Turner
Harold Witte
Boyce and Marcia Curts
Rev. Marvin Fortel
Dale Carson, Marti Dietrich's cousin
Don Plaster, Brian Sloan's uncle
Edith, Bill Mooney's sister
Jean Wilhelmsen, Curt Wilhelmsen's mother
John Whipple, Mary Stone's father
Laurine Davis, Glen Davis' mother
Leroy Gilbert, Lee Gilbert's father
Lola Tobiason, George Tobiason's mother
Milt Hunt, Jan Harris' father
Scott Reynolds, Bill Reynolds and their families, Sue Reynolds' sons
Susie Halley, Bonnie Schmuhl's sister
Valerie Dodge, Steve Dodge's mother
Wilma Martens, Sharon McMullin's mother

OTHER CONCERNS

Prayers for Rev. Sally and Andy Haynes as they prepare to move to FUMC.
Prayers for Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon and Bu-Sung Youn, Samuel and Stephen for their move to FUMC.
Prayers for all those dealing with job loss, financial concerns and health issues.
Hennie Westerheid, Mike Westerheid's mother

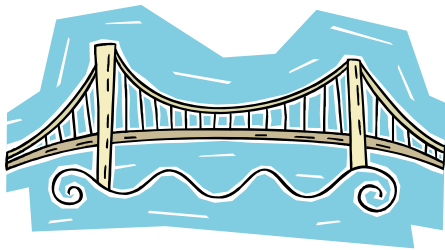
SYMPATHY

to Jim Knoche and family on the death of his sister-in-law, Beverly Knoche, on May 10.
to Bill Mooney on the death of his niece, Deirdre Barrett, on May 20.
to Mary (Derrington) Stone on the death of her mother, Grace Whipple, on May 21.

to the family and friends of Annabelle Rossi who died on Saturday, May 22.

JOYS

Congratulations to Ryan and Amanda Schaaf on the birth of son Aiden Paul. Big brothers are Ethan, Reese and Nathan.
Congratulations to Melissa White, daughter of Larry and Elaine White, who graduated with honors from Park University on May 8, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education.
Congratulations to Megan Hartwig, daughter of Terry and Betty Hartwig, who graduated from MSU in Springfield.
Congratulations to Chelsea Lesan, daughter of Bret and Marcia Lesan, who graduated from Lindenwood University in St Charles.
Congratulations to Bill Wood, our newest Stephen Ministry leader, who will be commissioned on May 29.



BRIDGES

Building Relationships In Doing God's
Everyday Service

Thursday, June 3, 6:00pm behind
the church office.

Join us for the annual pot-
luck/cookout. Bring a vegetable, salad
or dessert. Hamburgers and brats
provided.

Bring a lawn chair — **Reservations
by May 30** — \$3 per person

Call Dee Meek/Norm Runge at 373-
2580 for reservations.

BRIDGES' goal is to be INTERGENERA-
TIONAL WITH PERSONS OF ALL AGES
WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE BET-
TERMENT OF THE CHURCH AND THE
SUPPORT OF EACH OTHER.

BE A HERO LIVING LIKE JESUS— SUMMER CAMP 2010

Time to sign up for summer camp in all 4
Methodist-sponsored camps in Missouri.
Every camper who signs up from First
receives \$25 toward the cost of camp.
For more information, visit
www.mocamps.org or see Michelle Muel-
ler for camp descriptions and time.



Cancer Survivor Recognition Sunday

Please mark your calendars for
Sunday, June 6. We will celebrate
National Cancer Survivor Recogni-
tion Sunday in our church during
worship services. If you now have
or ever have had cancer, this is a
time to celebrate your survivorship.
The Cancer Support Network will
coordinate activities on June 6, but
we would like all cancer survivors
to participate. All survivors are
asked to wear yellow on June 6 to
symbolize our hope for the future.
Please provide us with contact in-
formation so that we can contact
you regarding this special occa-
sion.

Early Response Team Training



FUMC
will host
Early
Re-
sponse
Training
on June
18 and
19. This
training
is a col-

laborative effort by United Method-
ist Committee on Relief and United
Methodist Volunteers in Mission.
Participants will be trained by au-
thorized UMCOR trainers and will
be given badges from the Missouri
Conference.

Training is scheduled at 6:30pm to
9:00pm on Friday, June 18 and
9:00am to 4:00pm on Saturday,
June 19.

There is a **\$20** fee for materials
and supplies. Lunch is provided.

The FUMC Job Club meets
at 7:00pm on the first and
third Tuesday of each
month. Contact Randy Wil-
liams at randygws@att.net or
by phone at 229-9584 for
additional information.

FROM STAFF PARISH

Many of you have asked about gifts for
Rev. Steve and Rev. Karen as they end
their time with our family. The Staff
Parish Relations Committee would like
to encourage everyone to make a dona-
tion to the pastors' gifts. You may place
a donation in the weekly offering or
send it to the office. Please mark your
check as a donation to the pastors'
gifts. Beginning June 5 there will be
baskets in the narthex for you to drop
off cards for the pastors.

SAVE THE DATE

Your Staff Parish Relations Committee
would like you to save the date of two
events for our pastors.

The retirement of Rev. Steve Campbell
will be celebrated on Sunday, June 13.
Friends will begin gathering at 2:30pm
with a program at 3:00pm and a recep-
tion to follow.

A going-away party for Pastor Karen,
Jim, and Jonathan Taylor will be held
following the 5:30pm service on Satur-
day, June 19.

Watch the bulletin and the newsletter
for information and for ways that you
can contribute to a gift for our pastors.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

On Tuesday evening, June 15, at 7:00
pm in the sanctuary, we will hold our
spring Church Conference. Since this is
a called session, the agenda is limited
to the stated purpose of hearing the
report of the Committee on Lay Leader-
ship and electing local church officials
to begin serving July 1, 2010.

The District Superintendent has author-
ized the pastor, Steve Campbell, to pre-
side. Everyone is invited to attend. All
members present are voting members
of the Church Conference.

Date	Time	Place
Sunday, May 30		
Memorial Day Weekend—No Evening Youth Activities		
Monday, May 31		
Memorial Day Holiday—Office Closed		
Tuesday, June 1		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Job Club Meeting	7:00	103
Wednesday, June 2		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00	103
Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	5:15pm	117
Glory Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	5:30	154
Spirit Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	6:30	154
Pastor Steve's Lecture Series	6:30	112
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
High School Mission Trip—Adults Meeting	7:00	Office
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	154
Thursday, June 3		
BRIDGES Picnic	6:00pm	Office Patio
West Virginia Mission Trip Meeting	6:00	103
<i>Rebuilding When Relationships End</i>	6:30	011
Open Gym	7:00	FLC
Friday, June 4		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Saturday, June 5		
United Methodist Men's Breakfast	8:00am	112
Disaster Relief Ministry Meeting	9:30	Office
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, June 6		
Men of Praise Rehearsal	Noon	150
Youth Dinner	5:30pm	117
Youth Mission Trip Meeting	6:00	117
Evening Youth Activities	6:00	013
Monday, June 7		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
Costa Rica Reverse Task Force Meeting	7:00	Office
Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting	7:00	103
Praise Band Rehearsal	8:00	150
Tuesday, June 8		
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Stephen Ministry Peer Group Meeting	7:00	Office
Wednesday, June 9		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	5:15pm	117
Glory Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	5:30	154
Pastor Steve's Lecture Series	6:30	112
Spirit Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	6:30	154
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	154
Thursday, June 10		
<i>Rebuilding When Relationships End</i>	6:30pm	011
Open Gym	7:00	FLC
Friday, June 11		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Saturday, June 12		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

JUNE 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES		
SUNDAY		
Noon	Men Of Praise (Off until June 6)	150
5:30pm	Youth Dinner	117
5:45	Youth Team Meetings	015/016
6:15	Youth Breakout Meetings	015/016
7:00	Youth Games and Fellowship	FLC
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
8:00	Morning Walk Group	FLC
7:00pm	Single Adult Volleyball	FLC
WEDNESDAY		
8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
8:00	Morning Walk Group	FLC
5:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	117
5:30	Glory Ringers	154
6:30	Spirit Ringers	154
6:30	Last Lecture Series—Rev. Steve	112
6:30	Crossover Rehearsal	150
7:00	Creative Crafts - Prayer Shawls	103
7:30	Rhapsody Ringers	154
7:30	Chancel Choir	150
THURSDAY		
9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100
FRIDAY		
8:00am	Morning Walk Group	FLC

Ministers

All members who have pledged to uphold First UMC with their prayers, presence, service, gifts, and witness.



Pastors

Rev. Steve Campbell
Rev. Karen Taylor

Worship

Saturday, 5:30pm
Sunday, 8:00, 9:15, and 10:45am

Office Hours

8:00am—4:30pm Monday-Friday

Church Office: (816) 229-8108

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Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

Church Website -
www.firstumcbs.org

Blog—
<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

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We celebrated the membership of Reggie and Linda Day (above) and Jack and Karen Cook (right). Please go out of your way in the next few weeks to extend the hand of fellowship to these newest members of our church family.



Peace With Justice Sunday!

June Communion Sunday will be June 12 and 13.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. —Matthew 5:9

Peace with Justice Sunday, one of the United Methodist Special Sundays with offering, will be observed for our Communion offering on June 12 and 13. The Special Sunday supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world.

The United Methodist Church declares that peace with justice will be celebrated when all people have access to adequate jobs, housing, education, food, health care, income support and clean water. The denomination will further celebrate when structures and systems that reflect economic exploitation, war, political oppression and cultural domination no longer exist.

Half of the offering collected by an annual conference is retained to fund local peace with justice programs. In addition, half of the offering is remitted to the General Board of Church and Society (GBCS) to help fund US and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy.