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BLUE SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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On Sunday, May 24, we welcomed Chelsea and Chris Morehouse into membership. We also celebrated the baptism of Kennedy Elise Morehouse with Kennedy's great-grandfather and Chelsea's grandfather, Rev. Paul Hardy.

COMMUNION OFFERING THIS WEEKEND

In 1984 The Peace with Justice Program and Special Sunday Offering was created, providing information and encouragement for local churches to do justice. Many local churches may not care much about justice issues; but Peace with Justice Sunday helps us show that we care. In addition to the educational value, 50% of the funds raised stay in the home annual conference to fund peace with justice projects. The rest goes to the Peace with Justice division of the General Board of Church and Society and provides grants for other Peace with Justice projects throughout the connection.

11th Annual National Night Out Against Crime

The Blue Springs Police Department Community and Youth Outreach Unit is hosting their Annual National Night Out Against Crime event on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 from 6:00–9:00pm in downtown Blue Springs.



This is an annual event that is taking place in communities all across America. National Night Out is designed to raise community awareness and inform citizens on ways we can all work together to fight crime in our community.

This FREE event will educate children and adults about crime prevention, general public safety and the danger of drugs. Entertainment includes FREE food, game booths, raffle prizes and live entertainment.

This promises to be an exciting and educational event. Last year's event had over 3,500 in attendance, gained local media attention and ranked in the Top 30 for community participation nationwide.

Church groups interested in taking part by setting up an information booth should contact the church office for information.

Rev. Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

The Missouri Annual Conference will convene this Friday morning, June 5, in Springfield. Karen and I, as your appointed pastors, will be present. Our two Lay Members of the Annual Conference, Bob McDonald and Janice Bauch, will be attending. The Annual Conference is scheduled to adjourn around noon on Monday, June 8. Karen and I will be back in the office on Tuesday. Please keep the Annual Conference and all of those traveling to and from Springfield in your prayers.

I want to say thank you in advance to all of those persons who are preparing to lead in worship next weekend. Reverend Stuart Herrick and Rev. Gordon Smith are both retired United Methodist Ministers from the Kansas Annual Conference. Stuart and Merilu Herrick have been part of our congregation for some time. Gordon and Ruth Ann Smith have several family members in this congregation and have worshiped with us several times since his retirement. As I write these words, the Kansas Conference is concluding, making it possible for them to be here next weekend. They have agreed to preside at the Lord's Table. This continues our schedule of celebrating Communion in all the services on the first full weekend of the month. So, I am grateful to them for their help. Karen and I have asked Reed Alberg to share the message this week. In addition to his staff responsibilities, Reed is also one of our Certified Lay Speakers. His message will be a blessing to you. Jo Perrin, one of our Lay Leaders, will join these others in leading worship. I know with these four persons, worship will be in good hands. Please keep these individuals in your

prayers. Be here to support them this weekend.

Several persons have asked if Karen and I are being reappointed to serve another year. I guess I should have said something about that when I mentioned going to Conference this week. We will both be appointed to Blue Springs First for another year. We both look forward to the year ahead. We have many significant plans and programs and events ahead of us here! We look forward to a great year at First UMC!



Attending Annual Conference is a joy. It is a time to connect with old friends from around the Conference. More important, I am always inspired by the ministries and programs of the United Methodist Church. Together we make a powerful difference in this world. And, worship is always meaningful. To hear a crowd that size sing with enthusiasm always stirs my heart! So, I am happy to go, but I will be even happier to return next week and continue our work together!

On another topic, the Committee on Lay Leadership has been working diligently and prayerfully. The terms for our elected officials change on July 1. We have a special Church Conference on Wednesday evening, June 10, at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. The agenda will be to vote on the elected officials for the coming year. All full members of the congregation have both voice and vote at this significant meeting. I hope you have it on your calendar.

Grace and Peace,

Steve Campbell

HEALTH CONCERNS

Bernie Dietrich	Dorothy Dumas
Bud Heronimus	Bary Kramer
Larry McMullin	Robert Orndorff
Carol Quackenbush	Shari Sullivan
Bob Turner	Grace Wright
Lucille Welden	Jim and Jenny Floyd

Ann and Dierdre, Bill Mooney's sister and niece
 Bob Waltz
 Dana Showers, Marcia Lesan's sister
 Doug Jones, Becky Leath's son
 Ellie White, Gary and Kathe White's granddaughter
 H.T. Pettet, Vikkie Hampshire's uncle
 Joan Amy, Tom Mardis' sister
 John Whipple, Mary Derrington's father
 Joyce Brammer, Debbie Danner's mother
 Michelle Scarff, Kristy Summers' sister
 Skylor Grubb, Fred and Roma Troxel's grandson
 Vernon Yanney, Brenda Yanney's father
 Ann Hudson, wife of retired pastor Rev. Herman Hudson

OTHER CONCERNS

Pastor Steve, Pastor Karen, Janice Bauch and Bob McDonald going to Annual Conference
 Annual Conference
 29 FUMC youth and adults on float trip
 Those struggling with finances and job loss
 The Committee on Lay Leadership
 Leaders/teachers for Youth Sunday School—summer and fall
 Bill Woods' sister-in-law
 John and Peter Johnson relocating to Melbourne, Florida
 Auto workers

SYMPATHY

To Chris, Kelli, Tyler and Jacob Small on the death of Chris' mother, Barbara Small, on May 16.
 To Jim, Phyllis, Stephanie and Kara Langston and Kristy Valett on the death of Phyllis's mother, Wilma Cialone, on April 18.
 To Kay and Mandi Umscheid on the death of their daughter/sister who died May 19.
 To Scott, Rhonda, Doug and Stacy Bonham on the death of Rhonda's grandmother, Cora Propheter, on May 19.
 To Tom and Rosemary Martin on the death of her mother, Bertha Beck, on June 2. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren include: Aaron and Jenni Stacy, Ryan, Amber and Connor, and Bryon and Debbie Stacy, Matt, Zane and Kaitlyn.

JOYS

Congratulations to Jami Driskell and James Owens who were united in marriage on May 29 in the sanctuary. Jami's parents are Jim and Rhonda Driskell.

Thank You!!!

FUMC Congregation,

Thank you for choosing me to be a recipient of the FUMC Scholarship.

Next year I will be going to the University of Central Missouri. I will be majoring in Accounting and participating in the marching band.

The church has meant a lot to me over the years and I will miss being there every week.

Sincerely,
 Stephanie Harris

Dear FUMC,

I just wanted to take the time to say thank you for my scholarship. I am working very hard at the University of Missouri.

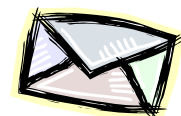
I finished my last semester with 21 hours and I had five A's and four B's.

The financial support is a huge help and I really appreciate it.

Sincerely
 Taylor Starks

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have been receiving offering envelopes in the mail, your next set of envelopes is available to pick up in the narthex. You may use the envelopes either weekly or monthly, as best meets your needs. When you get to your last, or second to last, envelope, you **MUST** turn in the reorder card that came with your envelopes, email or call the church office to request more. New envelopes may be picked up at the Information Table the next week.



YOUTH EVENTS

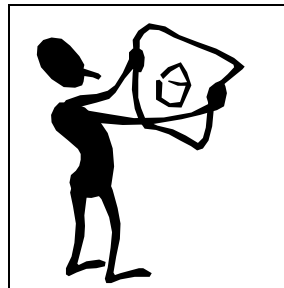
You must be signed up for all activities ahead of time. This is to ensure we have enough transportation. Friends are always welcome, but everyone must have a consent form on file or filled out to participate.

Sunday Night Youth!

- 5:00-5:30pm Dinner
- 5:30-5:50pm Break into groups for fellowship
- 5:50-6:50pm Lessons and discussion
- 6:50pm Joys and concerns, offering, and benediction all together

FUMC Youth has a group on Facebook. If you want to be connected via Facebook regarding youth activities, events, photos, etc., please join the group called **FUMC YOUTH GROUP.**

Senior High Youth planning - Wednesday nights - 6:30-7:30pm. Meet in the Senior High Youth room, O15, and help plan the Sunday night lessons!



**CALLING ALL
YOUTH**

PLANS FOR SUMMER

- June 3-5 Float trip
- June 7 - Regular youth 5:00-7:30
- June 14-21 - Senior High Mission Trip
no youth meeting either Sunday
- June 28 - Regular youth 5:00-7:30
- July 12 - Regular youth 5:00-7:30
- July 26 - Super Splash in afternoon
- August 1 - 10:00am-Noon-move school supplies for Community Services League. Senior High youth only, 10-15 people maximum.

- August 2-6 - Mid High mission trip
- August 9 - Regular youth 5:00-7:30
- August 14-15 Youth retreat
- August 23 - Regular youth 5:00-7:30

The Stats:

5/30-31/2009

Giving

General Fund	\$12,970
(needed)	\$16,535
2009 Budget.....	\$859,783
Giving to date	\$232,426
% of budget Received	37.6

Building Fund

Building Fund	\$4,248
(needed)	\$6,812
3-year Goal	\$1,062,703
% of Goal Received	15.5
% of Campaign Complete	14.1

Designated Giving.....\$1,993

Worship Attendance

Worship	543
Sunday School	
Children	35
Youth	7
Adults.....	105
Totals	147
Youth Activities.....	21

Date	Time	Place
Sunday, June 7		
Annual Conference	Springfield, MO	
Youth Dinner	5:00pm	117
Youth Sunday Activities	5:30	Education Wing
Mid-High Mission Trip Meeting	5:30	112
Senior High Mission Trip Meeting	6:30	112
Monday, June 8		
Annual Conference	Springfield, MO	
Tuesday, June 9		
Lay Leadership Committee Meeting	7:00pm	103
Single Adult Volleyball	7:00	MPR
Stephen Ministry Peer Group	7:00	Office
Wednesday, June 10		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
Church Conference	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Creative Crafts—Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Rhapsody Ringers Rehearsal	7:00	154
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Thursday, June 11		
Friday, June 12		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Saturday, June 13		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, June 14		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Independents Advisory Board Meeting	Noon	112
No Other Sunday Evening Youth Activities		
Monday, June 15		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Finance Committee Meeting	7:00pm	Office
Vesper Voices Rehearsal	7:00	150
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	8:00	150
Tuesday, June 16		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Men's Lunch	Noon	112
Single Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Wednesday, June 17		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
Creative Crafts—Prayer Shawls	7:00pm	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Thursday, June 18		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Friday, June 19		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Saturday, June 20		
High School Mission Trip	Amarillo, TX	
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

Saturday, June 6
8:00am



June 2009

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		
8:00, 9:15, 10:45am	Worship Services	Sanctuary
12:00 noon	Men of Praise	150
1:00pm	Psalm 150	150
3:00	Crossover Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:00	Youth Dinner	117
5:30	Youth Activities	Education
MONDAY		
7:00pm	Boy Scout Troop 332	112
7:00	Cub Scout Pack 332	102
TUESDAY		
8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
7:00pm	Single Adult Volleyball	MPR
WEDNESDAY		
8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
5:30pm	Glory Ringers Off Until 8/26	
6:30	Youth Planning Session	014-016
6:30	Spirit Ringers Off Until 8/26	
7:00	Creative Crafts/Prayer Shawls	103
7:30	Rhapsody Ringers Rehearsal	154
7:30	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	150
THURSDAY		
9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100
FRIDAY		
9:30am	Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	154
7:00pm	Adult Open Volleyball	MPR
SATURDAY		
5:30pm	Worship	Sanctuary

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch on June 17 at 11:30am at the Olive Garden in Independence. Contact Carol Sartain at 229-9753 or Joyce Maggard at 229-1300.

Ministers

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



June 3, 2009

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Rev. Karen Taylor

Worship

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

Office Hours

8:00am—4:30pm Monday-Friday

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Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

Church Website - www.firstumcbs.org

Blog—<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

Nancy Shelley, Membership Secretary, has probably touched your name in many capacities over the years. She records names of those who join FUMC, transfer to another church, are baptized, confirmed and/or married. She sends out prayer letters each week, keeps Sunday rosters up to date and records worship and Sunday school attendance. She fills requests for nametags and personalized offering envelopes. Nancy is also the Wedding Director for FUMC, helping couples schedule their weddings and arranging for the wedding personnel.

Nancy, a cradle Methodist, was born in St Joseph, Missouri, moved to Prairie Village, Kansas, then back to St Joseph. She attended Missouri Western State College, majoring in Elementary Education. Nancy lived several places before settling in Blue Springs. She has three children, Todd (Emily), Marc (Kirstin), and Meg and two granddaughters, Emma and Violet.



While raising children, Nancy did a lot of volunteer work at schools, St. Mary's Hospital, and FUMC. For several years she could be found in the church office on Fridays printing and folding the bulletins for Sunday. Nancy has now been employed for five years at FUMC. She finds her current position very fulfilling. "Everyone works well together and gets along so well." The hard part is reading and praying for the prayer concerns. "We know we're reading only the tip of the iceberg. There are many more illnesses, financial and family problems. There's real heartache in those cards. The good news is that prayers are answered."

Nancy is excited about the new Family Life Center. It will be a huge asset to our church and help us have even more community involvement.