

The First Connection

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

Dear Friends,

Annual Conference 2010 is over, and we are back in the office. As of June 30 I will officially enter the "Retired Relationship" in the Missouri Annual Conference. It has been difficult to sort out all the feelings associated with this change. They are many, and quite diverse! Therefore, it is not really possible to put this experience into words! Certainly, one of the things I am focusing on is the real sense of thanksgiving I feel as I look back over my life in the ministry. You at First UMC figure mightily into that growing sense of thanksgiving. Serving here at First UMC Blue Springs has been a blessing to me.

Sitting at Annual Conference, I was aware of the ways I feel quite young. However, as he usually does, the Bishop asked Conference members to stand based on the number of years they had attended Annual Conference. When he got to those of us who had attended 40 or more, there were not many of us standing. It was sort of a funny feeling standing there! How well I remember sitting down looking at those who were still standing. How did I get into this group?

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At the close of Conference, the Appointments are presented and as we sing a hymn, those who are moving go to join the delegates from the District they are moving to. It was a joy to greet Sally Haynes and Choong-Ho Kwon as they moved to join the FUMC delegates. I don't claim to know exactly what they were feeling, but I know I have experienced that moment a number of times. It is filled with emotions. There is no doubt in my mind they are ready, able, and eager to get started here at First. They will have my prayers, encouragement, and support as they take up this ministry.

I know many of you are praying for them as they make this transition. In addition to your prayers, ask yourself what you can do to make your new pastors feel welcome here. And more, what can you do in the next weeks and months to strengthen the life of the congregation? These pastors will bring so many good things to this congregation, but it is still true that your future is largely in your hands. If each of you seeks God's guidance and responds, you will find ways to strengthen the church. As God works through each of you, what great things will happen in the future? I encourage you to keep in mind the future is not

simply a matter of what the new pastors do. That will be important. But, it is also a matter of how you, with God's guidance, shape the future of FUMC.

This Sunday afternoon there will be a time devoted to celebrating my retirement. The truth is, I don't know many details about what is planned. I wanted to have a moment to share some memories, reflect a little, and express my thanks. So I look forward to it. Your presence will mean a lot to me.

Grace and Peace,
Steve Campbell



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Youth S.O.S. Summer of Service

We will be going to a variety of places to serve others in a variety of ways. We will not be having normal Sunday night youth but will be having an occasional Open Gym Night to come hang out and play games with other teens.

Below is a list of dates and activities. We will need adult help with driving and sponsoring the youth S.O.S. activities. There are limits on how many can participate and it will be on a sign-up basis, so let Linda Kaufman know ASAP which projects you want to be a part of!

SUMMER OF SERVICE 2010

June 13 - Youth Open Gym Night
6:00pm—8:00pm.

June 16- Operation Breakthrough-1:30-5:30pm—Helping with children 6-weeks to 5-years old. Sign up by June 15!

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS

Lucinda Armstrong	Alice Atkinson
Nancy Ballew	Mark Batulis
Bernie Dietrich	Virginia Evans
Chet Landes	Alice Lenning
Myrna Mardis	George Mesik
Dick Moore	Ed Norgren
Bob Orndorff	Irene Ray
Bob Turner	Harold Witte

Boyce and Marcia Curts
Rev. Marvin Fortel
Dale Carson, Marti Dietrich's cousin
Edith, Bill Mooney's sister
Jean Wilhelmsen, Curt Wilhelmsen's mother
John Whipple, Mary Stone's father
Hazel, Marti Dietrich's aunt
Laurine Davis, Glen Davis' mother
Leroy Gilbert, Lee Gilbert's father
Lola Tobiason, George Tobiason's mother
Milt Hunt, Jan Harris' father
Shirley Thompson, Anita Davis' mother
Susie Halley, Bonnie Schmuhl's sister
Valerie Dodge, Steve Dodge's mother
Wilma Martens, Sharon McMullin's mother
Chester Williams, Rev. Mark Williams' father
Kasi Copenhaver, granddaughter of Jack and Hazel Quinn

OTHER CONCERNS

Travel mercies for those going on the annual Youth Float Trip to River Ranch, June 9 -11.
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.

SYMPATHY

To Tresa Stanley and family on the death of her husband, Leroy Stanley, on May 29.

JOYS

Congratulations to Christine Harris who graduated with honors from Morningside College on May 8.

Congratulations to Harriet and Marvin Fortel on the celebration of their 68th wedding anniversary on June 14.

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 donation 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 reception to follow.

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

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 Leadership and electing local church officials to begin serving July 1, 2010.

The District Superintendent has authorized the pastor, Steve Campbell, to preside. Everyone is invited to attend. All members present are voting members of the Church Conference.

Early Response Team Training

FUMC will host Early Response Training on June 18 and 19.

This training is a collaborative effort by United Methodist Committee on Relief and United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. Participants will be trained by authorized 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 Williams at randygws@att.net or by phone at 229-9584 for additional information.

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 Mueller for camp descriptions and time.



JUNE 2010

Date	Time	Place
Sunday, June 13		
Independents Advisory Board meeting	Noon	112
Men of Praise Rehearsal	Noon	150
Retirement Celebration for Rev. Campbell	3:00pm	Sanctuary
Mid-High Mission Trip Meeting	6:00	112
Youth Open Gym	6:00	FLC
High School Mission Trip Meeting	7:30	112
Monday, June 14		
Council On Ministries Meeting	7:00pm	103
Tuesday, June 15		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Methodist Men's Lunch	Noon	112
Church Conference	7:00pm	Sanctuary
Job Club Meeting	7:00	103
Wednesday, June 16		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00	103
Crossover Rehearsal	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Thursday, June 17		
Open Gym	7:00pm	FLC
Friday, June 18		
Morning Walk Group	8:00am	FLC
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30	154
Terry/Rios Wedding Rehearsal	6:00pm	Sanctuary
Disaster Relief Response Training	6:00	117
Adult Volleyball	7:00	FLC
Saturday, June 19		
Disaster Relief Response Training	8:30am	117
Terry/Rios Wedding	3:30pm	Sanctuary
Worship Service	5:30	Sanctuary
Reception for Rev. Karen Taylor	6:30	Narthex
Sunday, June 20		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Monday, June 21		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
Finance Committee Meeting	7:00	Office
Praise Band Rehearsal	8:00	150
Tuesday, June 22		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Stephen Ministry Peer Group Meeting	7:00	Office
Wednesday, June 23		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
Crossover Rehearsal	6:30pm	Sanctuary
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Thursday, June 24		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Open Gym	7:00pm	FLC
Friday, June 25		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Reed Alberg's Birthday		
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Saturday, June 26		
High School Mission Trip—Ridgely, TN		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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

8:00am	Worship Service with Communion	Sanctuary
9:15	Worship Service with Praise Band	Sanctuary
10:45	Worship Service—Traditional	Sanctuary
Noon	Men Of Praise	150

MONDAY

TUESDAY

8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
8:00	Morning Walk Group	FLC

WEDNESDAY

8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
8:00	Morning Walk Group	FLC
6:30pm	Crossover Rehearsal	150
7:00	Creative Crafts - Prayer Shawls	103
7:30	Chancel Choir	150

THURSDAY

9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100
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FRIDAY

8:00am	Morning Walk Group	FLC
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SATURDAY

5:30pm	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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The **Widows Support Group** will meet for lunch on June 16 at the Real Jalisco Restaurant on north 7 Highway. Call Joyce Maggard at 229-1300 or Carol Sartain at 229-9753 for more information.

Support is needed for **Reverse Costa Rican Mission Trip**. We are seeking gently used or new twin sheet sets with pillow case and twin blankets for the Costa Ricans to use while they are staying at our church.

Please contact Shelly Anderson at 224-2240 for inquiries or donations.

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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Church Website -
www.firstumcbs.org

Blog—
<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

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H.E.R.O.E.S.

FUMC has been approved as an "Outpost" for a new caring ministry for the families of our military that have been left behind when their loved ones are deployed for service to defend our country. This program name is: H.E.R.O.E.S. Homefront Enabling Relationships, Opportunities, and Empowerment through Support.

This is a new program to provide Hometown Support Volunteers (HSV) through a Stephen Ministry congregation. FUMC has four HSV personnel at this time. The first requirement is for a person to receive Stephen Ministry training, then an additional eight hours of training to serve as an HSV.

Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve and minister to our families at FUMC and others in the metro-Kansas City area. A training class will begin this fall. Applications are available at the information table and from Bill Wood, Janice Patillo and Jo Perrin.

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.

LEARNING LADDER

Learning Ladder Preschool is an outreach ministry of First UMC that offers a 2-day a week program for children ages 8-weeks through Pre-kindy. We currently have a few openings in the Wednesday/Friday program and would love to fill them for the 2010-2011 school year. For enrollment information--please call 229-9949.