

The First Connection

Leading People to an Active Faith in Jesus Christ

Blue Springs First United Methodist Church

Dear First Friends,

What an overwhelming first weekend together! Almost 600 of you were in church over the 4th of July weekend, and you were a beautiful sight to see. My list of favorite memories is growing already, and I've been here only a week.

Walking into that first worship service on Saturday evening could have felt intimidating, but, because of you, it was not. When I walked into my office on Saturday afternoon, I found notes of encouragement and welcome from many of you. I even found a pie! I did not know what a strawberry-rhubarb pie tasted like before Saturday, but it is now my favorite flavor of pie. Suffice it to say that body and soul were both well-nourished before worship.

Your encouragement continued on Sunday morning, through the many welcoming smiles and handshakes. Many of you took the time to introduce yourselves to me, and I am grateful for each of you who wore your nametags. (Keep it up—please!) I have been praying for you for months, and it was a treat to put faces to your names.

This church is blessed with more saints than can be named, and a first-class staff. As I settle into ministry in Blue Springs, I am deeply grateful for the ways that God is at work among us. I look forward to a great future together. At this point, my only problem is how to explain to my husband that I had lunch this week with a bunch of ROMEOS. Maybe a piece of pie will help him feel better. . .

Blessings, Sally



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Galactic Blast

Vacation Bible School 2010

Cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, your kids will see space like never before, gain a new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. This cosmic combination of faith and fun will have your cadets developing a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. **July 26-July 30, 9:30am-12:30pm**

Door Greeters Welcomed!

If you would like to help our church in a small way that makes a big impression, then monthly door greeting may be for you. It is something an entire family can do together, as well as individuals—all ages are welcome. Our goal is to have greeters before each of the 4 services, and on Sundays to include greeters at the Education Wing entrance as well as the main entrance. The time involved is 20 minutes before the service begins and about 5 minutes after the service starts. Currently there is a special need for people at the 8:00 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and the 9:15 service on the 3rd Sunday; additionally, people willing to sub for others are always needed at each service. If interested in serving in this way, please call Jane Rosendahl at 224-5660 or the church office at 229-8108.

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

July 10-18 College-age mission Trip

July 11-15 Mid-High Mission Trip

July 18 Youth Open Gym Night 6:00-8:00pm

July 30 Kansas City Rescue Mission - clothing sorting and distribution 4:00-9:00pm. 15 total volunteers . Sign up by July 29.

July 31 Community Services League School Supply Drive—information TBA later. Location-FUMCBS

Summer Sunday School Schedule-9:15am only

Joys and Concerns

HEALTH CONCERNS

Lucinda Armstrong Harry Dexheimer
Bernie Dietrich Marti Dietrich
Virginia Evans Rev. Marvin Fortel
Jim Hoel George Mesik
Dick Moore Ed Norgren
Irene Ray Bu-Sung Youn
Bob Turner Jim and Jenny Floyd
Don Plaster, Brian Sloan's uncle
Grayce Sebbly, Sherry Dewar's mother
John Whipple, Mary Stone's father
Laurine Davis, Glen Davis' mother
Leroy Gilbert, Lee Gilbert's father
Pam Nichol, Sharon McMullin's niece
Shirley Thompson, Anita Davis' mother
Valerie Dodge, Steve Dodge's mother

OTHER CONCERNS

Travel mercies for Pastor Choong-Ho's wife and sons, Bu-Sung, Samuel and Stephen, as they travel to Korea for her to have shoulder surgery.

Travel mercies for the College/Adult mission trip to West Virginia July 10 to July 18.

Travel mercies for the Mid-High Mission trip to Hannibal July 11 to July 15.

Prayers for all those dealing with job loss, financial concerns and health issues.

JOYS

Congratulations to Roy and Bonnie Clark on the birth of granddaughter, Kailey Ellen Chapman, born on June 24. Parents are Ben (Bonnie's son) and Julia Chapman.

Congratulations to Ryan Alberg and Megan Jackson who were married on July 3. Parents of Ryan are Reed and Kim Alberg.

SYMPATHY

To David and Rhonda Barrow and family on the death of Rhonda's uncle, Jerome Kern, on June 24.

To Sharon McMullin and family on the death of her mother, Wilma Martens, on June 25.

To Marcia Curts and family on the death of her husband, Boyce Curts, on June 29.

To Brian and Cyndi Sloan on the death of Brian's grandfather, Boyce Curts, on June 29.

To Shawn and Nancy Sullivan and family on the death of Nancy's father, Jess Harris, on July 2 in Iowa. Grandchildren are Kendall, Kyle and Parker Sullivan.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone for all the prayers for my mother, Wilma Marten, who died on June 25. She really enjoyed the cards of encouragement. From Sharon McMullin

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 county. 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.

PICKLEBALL

The Independents are hosting Pickleball in the Family Life Center and all adults are invited to participate. Pickleball is a combination of Ping-Pong, tennis, and badminton and has been enjoyed by people of all ages.

Join us on Tuesdays from 7:00-9:30pm during July and August.

There is no charge for this recreational outreach program of the church, but we will accept donations to help us purchase additional equipment and supplies.

No Tuesday night volleyball for July and August.

United Methodist Men's Breakfast

July 10 at 8:00am

Room 112

WOMEN of FAITH *"Imagine"* weekend November 5 and 6, 2010 Sprint Center

Come join us for a weekend of spiritual growth, music, fellowship and fun. Our church has 28 seats reserved for this wonderful event. Get online at gps.womenoffaith.com, check out this 'happening' and order your ticket. More information will be at the Information Table.

Ticket cost: \$89

Fri., Nov. 5 10:00am – 3:30pm (mini session included in cost)

7:00pm – 9:30pm

Sat., Nov. 6 9:00am – 4:00pm

Box lunch and bottled water are included for each day in this price. Our seats are assigned and we sit together as a group. Tickets can be paid for by charge or check. You can pay a little at a time if necessary. Tickets must be totally paid for 10 weeks before the event (by August).

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.

reStart Liaison

The Missions Steering Committee is looking for someone to be the liaison between our congregation and reStart. In the past, the liaison has primarily coordinated persons serving Sunday meals throughout the year. This person would keep the congregation informed about other volunteer opportunities and needs of reStart. If you are interested, or know someone who would be a good liaison, contact Myrna Mardis at 229-3465 or Lori Adkins at 246-4171.



JULY 2010

Date	Time	Place
Sunday, July 11		
Men of Praise Rehearsal	Noon	150
Independents' Advisory Board	Noon	112
Mid-High Mission Trip—Hannibal, MO		
Monday, July 12		
Administrative Board	7:00pm	103
Mid-High Mission Trip—Hannibal, MO		
Tuesday, July 13		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Prayer Group	8:00	100
Independents Host Pickleball	7:00pm	FLC
Stephen Ministries	8:00	Office
Mid-High Mission Trip—Hannibal, MO		
Wednesday, July 14		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Wesley Covenant Group	4:30pm	100
Crossover Rehearsal	6:30	Sanctuary
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Mid-High Mission Trip—Hannibal, MO		
Thursday, July 15		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
Open Gym	7:00pm	FLC
Mid-High Mission Trip—Hannibal, MO		
Friday, July 16		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Saturday, July 17		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary
Sunday, July 18		
Men of Praise Rehearsal	Noon	150
Youth—Open Gym	6:00pm	FLC
Monday, July 19		
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
Praise Band Rehearsal	8:00	150
Tuesday, July 20		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Prayer Group	8:00	100
United Methodist Men's Lunch	noon	112
Independents Host Pickleball	7:00pm	FLC
Job Club	7:00	103
Wednesday, July 21		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Wesley Covenant Group	4:30pm	100
Crossover Rehearsal	6:30	Sanctuary
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Thursday, July 22		
Back Fence Bible Study	9:30am	100
S.O.S Harvesters	5:00pm	Off Site
Open Gym	7:00	FLC
Friday, July 23		
Morning Walk Group	7:45am	FLC
Joy Ringers Handbell Practice	9:30	154
Women's Game Night	6:30pm	117
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	FLC
Saturday, July 24		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

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.

Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
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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	31

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

7:45am	Morning Walk Group	FLC
8:00	Morning Prayer Group	100

WEDNESDAY

7:45am	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

7:45am	Morning Walk Group	FLC
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SATURDAY

5:30pm	Worship Service	Sanctuary
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"Getting to Know You" Sermon Series

As we begin our ministry together, these sermons will help you know your pastors. Who are they? What is their faith journey? If they could preach only one sermon, what would it be? As you hear their stories, expect to see your own faith journey more clearly and come to a new understanding of how God is at work in your own life. Together, with each other and with God, we can do great things!

July 10/11 "Why I Am a Christian" John 6:66-69

July 17/18 "Why I Am a United Methodist Christian" Matthew 16:13-23

July 24/25 "Why Me" Job 23:8-10 (NIV) with Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon

July 31/August 1 "Feed His Lambs" John 21:15-19 with Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon

Costa Rica Mission Trip

FUMC is hosting the 16-person Mission Team from Costa Rica at our church from Thursday, August 5, to Thursday, August 12. We need all our wonderful cooks at FUMC to help provide meals for the Costa Rica team during their stay. The dates and meals that are needed are shown below.

Thursday, August 5:	Evening Meal
Friday, August 6:	Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal
Saturday, August 7:	Breakfast, Lunch
Sunday, August 8:	Breakfast, Lunch
Monday, August 9:	Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal
Tuesday, August 10:	Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meal
Wednesday, August 11:	Breakfast, Lunch
Thursday, August 12:	Breakfast only

Please prepare your food American Style. All breakfasts will be served at the church. Some of the lunches will need to be picnic lunches in coolers when the team goes to Harvesters, Grand Avenue Temple, Hillcrest, and Habitat for Humanity. The committee is still finalizing those plans.

Please consider helping with this mission effort. Call Betty Hartwig at 813-0460 or Myrna Mardis at 229-3465 to give us your group name and date you plan to serve food. Call us if you need more specific details.

Thank you in advance for your help!

If you need to contact Rev. Sally Haynes, she can be reached by email at shaynes@firstumcbs.org or at the office at 816-229-8108. Her home number is 660-747-6089.

Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon can be reached by email at ckwon@firstumcbs.org or at the office. His home number is 816-229-1167.

FUMC Guide Book & Directory

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating the annual Guide Book and Directory for our church. This book will provide helpful information about our church and directory information for our church family. As last year, the book will be provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and is being subsidized by the local businesses who advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, please call the Church Office at 229-8108 or email to office@firstumcbs.org. Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize a Guide Book & Directory advertiser over a non-advertiser. It "does pay" to advertise in our new Guide Book & Directory.

Update Membership Information

Does our church database have YOUR family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Do you want your record published? If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the new Guide Book & Directory will be correct. Contact the church office via phone (229-8108) or e-mail (office@firstumcbs.org.)

Dear Friends at Blue Springs

One last thank you for all your expressions of appreciation from the congregation. The stole you presented my last weekend is absolutely beautiful and I will wear it with honor. The cool motorcycle cap has already been put to good use. We deeply appreciate the generous cash gift, and will use at least part of it to purchase needed items for our new home. Jonathan loved the gift card and is considering how he will spend it. We are grateful for the many wonderful cards and well wishes. By the end of that weekend we felt thoroughly loved.

We are getting settled in our new home and will treasure our memories of Blue Springs. Our address is 2398 Southern Hills, Mexico, MO 65265.

We pray blessings on your ministry with Rev. Sally and Rev. Choong-Ho. We know they will lead you well.

Blessings, *Karen Taylor*

School Supplies Needed for the 2010-2011 School Year

PLEASE NOTE:

Please have school supplies at CSL by *Thursday, July 30.*

Thank you for outfitting Blue Springs students with the school supplies they need to begin a new year.

Pencils (#2 lead)	Ballpoint Pens (blue or black)
Red pens	3" 3-Ring Binder Notebooks - Zippered
Notebook Dividers—8 or 10 counts	Notebooks (NO zippers) with plastic cover
Black Sharpies—Ultra Fine	Dry Erase Markers - Black
Zipper Pencil Bags with Holes	Supply Box
Kleenex tissues - Rectangular boxes	Solid-Colored Pocket Folders prongs
Colored Pencil Sets	Glue Sticks
4 oz. Bottles of Glue (White preferred)	Colored Markers - <u>Crayola Classic</u>
Scissors - 5" pointed, Fiskers preferred	Hi-Liters—Yellow
<u>Wide-Lined</u> Notebook Paper	Spiral Notebooks - <u>Wide Lined</u>
Ruled 3x5" White Index Cards	Backpacks (No wheels)
Erasers—Magic rub or White	Calculators - TI 30xIIS Solar
Post It Notes 3" x 3"	Composition books

COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE - BLUE SPRINGS OFFICE

200 S. 10th Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015

229-0033 Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am-12noon and 1:00-4:00pm

Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group will meet for lunch at Real Jalisco Restaurant—

July 21 at 11:30am. Call Joyce (229-1300) or Carol (229-9753) for reservations.

Thank You Card

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! I can't wait to go off to college in the Fall. It means so much to me to have such a supportive church family. Thank you for always being there for me over the years.

Sincerely,

Olivia Hunt

New Members

- Jamie Guthrie and Jerry and Rosemary Swank
- Marisa Gilbert
- Andy and Kadi Hood
- John and Beverly Nevin



Ministers

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



Pastors

Rev. Sally Haynes
Rev. Choong-Ho Kwon

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

Church fax: (816) 229-6705

E-mail: office@firstumcbs.org

Learning Ladder Preschool
(816) 229-9949

Church Website -
www.firstumcbs.org

Blog—
<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

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Need at Hillcrest

The apartment our church sponsors at Hillcrest Transitional Housing needs a replacement TV. A 20-inch to 30-inch HD table model would work best in this small apartment. If the TV is conventional, a converter box will be necessary. If you can help meet this need, please contact Jim or Sarah Barrows at 246-9571.

Community Services League

Back to School Store and Food Pantry Needs

FUMC will host the Back to School Store this year sponsored by Community Services League. You can find a list of needed supplies on the web page, at the Information Table, and on page 5 of this newsletter. Please bring your donations by July 30. Linda Osborne is coordinating this event for CSL. Thank you for your support of this important ministry for children of our community.

This time of year the food pantry is very busy because school is out. We need: bath-size bar soap, toilet paper, cereal and meals in a can (Spaghetti-O's, lasagna, etc.)

Ladies Save the Date

The next Ladies Night Out is July 23 in room 117.

We will be playing "Crazy Bridge" again. This is an easy game, anyone can play and it's a great way to meet other ladies. The rules are printed right on the score sheet and after each hand the 2 winners move to a new table. It is a lot of fun and we hope you'll join us. Bring your favorite snack to share. We will provide coffee and bottled water. Registration at 6:30pm, game begins at 7:00pm. We will need to borrow card tables so we may be calling some of you. Hope to see you.
Women's Event Team

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.