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People . . .

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to the  
World's  
Needs

to God  
in  
Jesus Christ

# The First Connection

*Leading people to an active faith in Jesus Christ*

BLUE SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Red  
White

& Blue  
Bash

*A relaxing evening of fun,  
fellowship and dessert for all  
women of the church.*

*Date: Friday, July 24*

*Time: 7:00 to 10:00 PM*

*Place: FUMC in room 117*

*For information or to sign up,  
contact the church office at 229-8108*

*Childcare available upon request*

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**DATES:** July 27 - July 31, 2009

**TIME:** 9:30am - 12:30pm

**AGES 4 - GRADE 4**

Registration forms and information can be picked up at the education office or the church website.

There are many items needed for this important ministry. Please visit the kiosk in the narthex or in the education wing to learn about items and supplies that we need you to purchase or to let us borrow for that week.



## Rev. Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

It will be just over a month when students in the Blue Springs and other area school districts return to class. Several days previous to that, teachers will report and prepare for another school year. I hold teachers and administrators in high regard. We entrust the future to these individuals. Whether, in the short term, it is apparent or not, they have great influence on our children. We cannot begin to estimate the importance of what they do. It is no surprise that for many teachers their vocational choice is a response to God's call.

In our worship gatherings on the weekend of August 22 and 23 we are going to take a moment to recognize teachers and administrators. We will just say a word of appreciation and offer a prayer for God to bless them and their students in this school year. We would like to list the names of teachers affiliated with our church on an insert to the bulletin that week. We will also list where and what they teach.

In order to accomplish this, we need a lot of cooperation! If you are a teacher or administrator, please call the church office and make sure we have that information. Only your name, where, and what you teach will be printed. Our list will only be complete if you provide your information. Michelle Mueller is going to compile the list based on all the calls we receive. We will mention this often over the next month. There will be several reminders. So, if you want your name

listed, make that phone call. It will be impressive to see the list of teachers and administrators affiliated with our congregation. I hope they will feel supported by their church in the important work they do.

I have mentioned, in the Pastorgram, the weekend of September 12 and 13. It isn't exactly a "Homecoming" or a "Rally Day," but it is going to be a Big Day on Sunday, September 13. We will have worship on Saturday evening at the regular time. We will have a combined Sunday School, with a wonderful program, at 9:00. There will be an extended break for coffee and conversation. Then we will join for one worship service in the sanctuary at 10:30. After worship we will have a fellowship meal in the new multi-purpose room. There are several details we need to work out, but **PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR!** It will be **BIG!**

Be sure to look at the item in this edition of First Connection about "First Wear." This weekend there will be a display of clothing with the First United Methodist Church logo embroidered on them. If you will order them in the next few of weeks, they will be here for "The Big Day" on September 13! It will be fun to wear our FUMC logo around town and to church events! Be sure to check these out! Later we will have a display of items for cooler weather. This is a great way to raise awareness of our church in the community!

Grace and Peace to You,

Steve Campbell



### To All Retired Stephen Ministers at FUMC.

We would like to hear from all retired Stephen Ministers that are interested in renewing their commitment to serve. If you are interested, please contact Janice Patillo, 224-4185, Jo Perrin, 228-7703, or Rev. Karen Taylor, 229-8108. We want to hear from you!

### New Class for Stephen Minister Training.

We are planning a new class for training Stephen Ministers to begin in September. We have not decided the time for the class, but we do know that the class will not meet on Wednesday nights. For planning purposes and application forms, please contact Janice Patillo, 224-4185, Jo Perrin, 228-7703, or Rev. Karen Taylor, 229-8108. Please join us in this ministry.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b><u>Sunday, July 19</u></b>		
Costa Rica Mission Trip Meeting	5:00pm	112
Mid-high Mission Trip Meeting	6:30	112
Iowa Mission Trip Meeting	6:30	103
<b><u>Monday, July 20</u></b>		
Vesper Voices Rehearsal	7:00pm	150
Finance Committee Meeting	7:00	Office
<b><u>Tuesday, July 21</u></b>		
Men's Lunch	Noon	112
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Inviting Ministries Committee Meeting	7:00	103
<b><u>Wednesday, July 22</u></b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
Job Workshop	6:30pm	117
<b><u>Thursday, July 23</u></b>		
Open Gym	7:00pm	MPR
<b><u>Friday, July 24</u></b>		
Women's Red, White, and Blue Bash	7:00pm	117
Adult Volleyball	7:00	MPR
<b><u>Saturday, July 25</u></b>		
Costa Rica Mission Trip Departs		
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary
<b><u>Sunday, July 26</u></b>		
Independents Advisory Board	Noon	112
Youth Dinner	5:00pm	117
Evening Youth Activities	5:30	Education Wing
<b><u>Monday, July 27</u></b>		
Vacation Bible School	9:30am	Education Wing
Trustees Committee Meeting	7:00pm	Office
Gospel Singers Rehearsal	7:00	150
<b><u>Tuesday, July 28</u></b>		
Vacation Bible School	9:30am	Education Wing
<b><u>Wednesday, July 29</u></b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00	103
Vacation Bible School	9:30am	Education Wing
<b><u>Thursday, July 30</u></b>		
Vacation Bible School	9:30am	Education Wing
<b><u>Friday, July 31</u></b>		
Vacation Bible School	9:30am	Education Wing
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
<b><u>Saturday, August 1</u></b>		
Methodist Men's Breakfast	8:00am	112
Disaster Relief Ministry	9:30	103
Worship Service	5:30	Sanctuary

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

<b>SUNDAY</b>		
12:00 noon	Men of Praise	150
3:00pm	Crossover Rehearsal	Sanctuary
<b>MONDAY</b>		
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>		
5:30pm	Glory Ringers Off Until 8/26	
6:30	Spirit Ringers Off Until 8/26	
7:00	Creative Crafts - Prayer Shawls	103
7:30	Rhapsody Ringers Off Until 8/26	
7:30	Chancel Choir Off Until 8/19	
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
9:30am	Back Fence Bible Study	100

## HEALTH CONCERNS

Nikol (Harves) Anderson	Nancy Ballew
Darleen Barnes	Adam Bartlett
Nancy Campbell	Bernie Dietrich
Dorothy Dumas	Jenny Floyd
Rev. Marvin Fortel	Skylor Grubb
Debbie Hubbard	Jeff Saye
Shari Sullivan	Grace Wright
Lucille Welden	
Alexandra Wallace, Shirley and Maurine Dodson's grand-daughter	
Elaine Harvey, Gary Harvey's mother	
Ellie White, Gary and Kathe White's granddaughter	
Ginger Moore, Barbara Moore's daughter-in-law	
Henry Kent, Jean White's grandson	
Joyce Brammer, Debbie Danner's mother	
Mary Spear, Todd Brewer's grandmother	
Merrell Graves, Rev. Karen's father	
Milt Hunt, Jan Harris' father	
Ray McDonnell, Bonnie Clark's father	
Sallie Turner, Bob Turner's mother	
Sharon Street, Debbie Stacy's mother	
Vernon Yanney, Brenda Yanney's father	
Wilma Martens, Sharon McMullin's mother	
Ann Hudson, wife of retired pastor Rev. Herman Hudson	

## OTHER CONCERNS

Those struggling with finances and job loss.  
Financial concerns of our church.

## SYMPATHY

To Emmert and Carol Jo Hansen and family on the death of Carol Jo's mother, Norma Auhs, on July 10.

## JOYS

Congratulations to Chet and Barbara Landes on the birth of new grandson, Callahan Jameson Landes, on June 30. Proud parents are Mark and Jennifer Landes. Big sister is Parker.

Congratulations to Jim and Rev. Karen Taylor on the birth of great-nephew, Jesse Huff, on July 9 to Joshua and Jessica Huff.

Congratulations to Josh and Kaylee (Guerra) Funnell who were married at North Spring United Methodist Church on July 11. Kaylee's parents are Tony and Dawn Guerra.

Congratulations to Brandon and Jessi (Kaufman) Walker who were married here on July 11. Parents of the bride are Mike and Linda Kaufman.

## AN INVITATION

Paul and Joyce Kerber will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception on August 16, from 2:00 to 5:00pm in room 117. All are invited to come help them celebrate. RSVP to 795-8770.

# SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR 2009-10

Please bring supplies to the church and place them in the CSL drop-box in the coatroom.

Thank you for your help. This project provides an important service by outfitting Blue Springs' students with the school supplies they need to begin a new year.

Pencils (#2 lead)

Red Pens

Notebook Dividers—8 or 10 count

Black Sharpies—Extra Fine

Zipper Pencil Bags with Holes

Kleenex tissues – Rectangular boxes

Colored Pencil Sets

4 oz. Bottles of Glue ( White preferred)

Scissors – 5" pointed, Fiskars preferred

Crayola Crayons – 16, 24, 48 counts

Spiral Notebooks – Wide Lined

Ziploc Bags – Quarts and Gallons

Erasers – Pink or Magic Rub

Post-It Notes 3"x3"

Ballpoint Pens (blue and black)

3" 3-Ring Binder Notebooks – Zipped

1" notebooks (NO zippers) with plastic covers

Dry Erase Markers – Black and Intense Color Sets

Supply Box

Solid-Colored Pocket Folders without prongs

Glue Sticks

Colored Markers – Crayola Classic

Hi-Liters—Yellow

Wide-Lined Notebook Paper

3x5" White Index Cards

Backpacks (No wheels)

Calculators – TI 30xIIS Solar

COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE – BLUE SPRINGS OFFICE

200 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Blue Springs, MO 64015

229-0033

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00am - Noon and 1:00-4:00pm.

## JOB WORKSHOP

The unemployment rate in the metro Kansas City area is now more than 7% and it's not only entry-level positions being eliminated. Here is an opportunity to learn what you need to do in this slowing economy.

**Who:** Executives, Professionals, Students, Recent Graduates. Anyone who is interested in a methodology to help them find hidden employment opportunities during a tough job market.

**What:** A one-hour presentation on what specific actions you can take to find a new job opportunity.

**When:** Wednesday, July 22, at 6:30pm

**Where:** First United Methodist Church—Room 117

**Why:** The resources available for job seekers on "How to Write a Resume" or "How to Answer Interview Questions" are endless. However, this material typically fails to touch on the most critical component for anyone who is looking for a new job: GETTING THE INTERVIEW. Our unique presentation will provide you with proven tools and insights you can put into use immediately to start creating interview opportunities.

*About the Presenter...*

Zach Carruthers is a Vice President and Partner at Kansas City-based search firm, Christopher & Long/HCap Search. In addition to leading many of the business development initiatives, Zach has completed searches for key executives in a broad range of industries with a special focus in technology, banking/financial services and insurance.



# FIRST WEAR



## Show your pride

### Let everyone know where you attend church

Visit the display in the church narthex over the next few weeks and order a button polo or a t-shirt. Embroidered polo shirts are available in men's and women's sizes (small-3xl) in Gray, Navy Blue, White, and Royal Blue. T-shirts are available in child sizes, men's, and women's sizes (x-small-3xl). Samples of the finished shirts as well as samples of all the sizes are available for inspection at the display in the narthex. Embroidered shirts are \$20 through XL. Additional sizes are more. T-shirts for children are \$8 and for adults are \$10 through XL and additional sizes are \$12. Orders will be taken through August 9 to ensure time for the orders to be returned and distributed before "The Big Day."

### Ministers

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



July 15, 2009

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of Blue Springs  
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Blue Springs MO 64015

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### 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

Church fax: (816) 229-6705

E-mail: [office@firstumcbs.org](mailto:office@firstumcbs.org)

Learning Ladder Preschool  
(816) 229-9949

Church Website - [www.firstumcbs.org](http://www.firstumcbs.org)

Blog—<http://fumcnews.blogspot.com>

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thanks to everyone for keeping us supplied with prayer shawls. They are wonderful gifts to those in need, and we cannot thank you enough for your time and love put into this ministry. If you know of anyone with a need for a prayer shawl, please do not hesitate to let the church know. To those who knit or crochet, remember to check with the office for available yarn. Also, if you have an interest to learn how to make a prayer shawl, please call Paula Duncan at 229-0836 to make arrangements for a lesson.

### INDEPENDENTS SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY

## SOCK HOP

SATURDAY, JULY 18  
8:00pm – MIDNIGHT  
In the MPR

Admission: \$10 per person  
Light snacks and drinks  
(nonalcoholic) will be provided.  
We are collecting new socks  
for the needy.

Please place your donation in  
the collection bin at the door.

MUSIC PROVIDED BY  
DJ - BOBBY EDDY

### SUMMER YOUTH NEWS

- July 19 - **SUPER SPLASH 1:30- 6:00pm**  
**\$10 per person plus snack**  
**money.**
- July 19- **Mid-High Mission Trip meet-**  
**ing at 6:30pm. FORMS AND**  
**MONEY ARE DUE.**
- July 19- **Iowa Mission Trip meeting at**  
**6:30pm. Forms and money**  
**are due!**
- August 1 - **10:00am-Noon-move school**  
**supplies for Community Ser-**  
**vices League. Senior High**  
**youth only, 10-15 people**  
**maximum.**
- August 2-6 - **Mid-High mission trip**

### July 11-12, 2009

#### Giving

General Fund .....	\$15,729
(needed) .....	\$16,535
Giving to date .....	\$409,523
Budget to date .....	\$462,952
2009 Budget.....	\$859,783
% of budget Received .....	47.6

#### Building Fund

Building Fund .....	\$5,096
(needed) .....	\$6,812
3-year Goal .....	\$1,062,703
% of Goal Received .....	18.6
% of Campaign Complete .....	17.9
Designated Giving.....	\$2,319

#### Worship Attendance

Worship .....	424
Sunday School	
Children .....	39
Youth .....	16
Adults.....	79
<b>Totals</b> .....	134
Sunday Night Youth .....	5