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People . . .

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Other

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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## Missions Celebration Weekend

This weekend we will celebrate the many ways we are in Mission at FUMC. A Mission Fair will be out in the narthex with information about various opportunities to be involved in Mission. Wil Bailey, a missionary in Costa Rica where several mission teams have served, will be at all four services to bring greetings to FUMC. In worship we will hear about how we are connecting to the world's needs through mission and service. We look forward to seeing you.

## FALL CLEANUP DAY

The Trustees of First UMC invite everyone to join them on Saturday, October 10, at 9:00am for the annual fall cleanup. There is plenty of work for everyone. Come join the fun, fellowship, and service to our church.



**TRUNK or  
TREAT**

**Saturday, October 31,  
4:30—5:15pm**

Decorate your trunk- we need LOTS of trunks!

We will plan to be set up on the west end of the parking lot. Trunks should be set up and ready to hand out their treats prior to 4:30pm.



### Save the Planet, Get your Groceries, Support FUMC Outreach

Reusable shopping bags are available for \$5 each. The bags are 12"w x 13"h x 8"d with a sturdy carrying handle. The bags have an FUMC logo printed on both sides. Each bag you purchase allows us to give one to our weekend visitors.

### SUPPORT THE YOUTH

#### SUPPORT THE CROP WALK WITH YOUR DONATIONS

For the second year FUMC Youth are participating and accepting donations for CROP Walk. This year's theme is Enough For All, and we will once again be asking for volunteers to walk and to donate money toward this wonderful cause. The money collected goes to fight hunger locally, statewide, nationally and worldwide. We will have a table set up in the narthex October 11 to accept donations from the congregation.

#### **Christmas Cards for our Partner Church in Mozambique**

It's that time of year when we are getting ready to send our Christmas wishes to our partner church Machava in Mozambique. Please stop by the table and sign a card during weekend services.

## Rev. Steve Campbell

Dear Friends,

This weekend is "Mission Celebration Weekend" for us at First UMC. We set aside a weekend each fall to highlight the various mission activities of the congregation. We will be hearing from the various Volunteer in Mission Trips from this past summer. Members of our congregation from Junior High youth to adults have been on the road to a number of destinations to offer their service. And, mission trips are just one form of mission in which we engage. We have a large number of individuals who are involved in many mission activities. The individuals come from Sunday School Classes, Circles, Youth Groups, UMW, The Independents, and UMM. You actively support a variety of United Methodist organizations in the area like reStart and Della Lamb. We are actively involved with a number of ecumenical endeavors like Hillcrest Ministries and Habitat for Humanity. You are involved with community-based organizations like HOPE House and Community Services League. And of course there are many other things you support through the year. These are events like the upcoming CROP walk in which our youth participate or the



Festival of Sharing. In short, we are blessed with many active volunteers who lead the way for these and other ministries.

This will be an inspiring time of worship. I know in the course of these worship services you will be touched by the dedication of many volunteers. There are so many of you who inspire others as you respond to the call of God

to share yourselves with those in need. We will celebrate the gift of God who blesses us in all these things. There will be a number of tables and booths in the narthex with more information about our ministries. There will certainly be more opportunity to hear God's call and volunteer in some new area of ministry.

Rev. Karen Taylor will be preaching. The Missions Steering Committee and leaders from other groups and ministries have been working diligently to prepare for this weekend. I hope you will be present. It will touch your heart and lift your spirit.

Grace and Peace to You,  
Steve Campbell

### "What If.....?"

At the 2009 Missouri Annual Conference, our Bishop asked us all to ponder the question, "Would our Church be growing or dying if every member made the same efforts that I do?" It is a penetrating question which also leads us to affirm that each of us makes a difference! It really demonstrates "The Power of One." During the week of October 18 you will receive a booklet filled with meditations written by members and staff of First United Methodist. Each meditation focuses on one aspect of our membership vows. So, they lift up praying, attending, giving, serving, and witnessing. As you read one meditation a day, ask yourself, "What if every member prays, attends, gives, serves and witnesses like I do? What is our future?" The 30 readings contained in this booklet are intended to help each of us grow in these areas of discipleship. The readings begin on October 22 and run through November 20. In the worship services on November 21 and 22, we will open the altar to come forward in prayer and renew our commitment in these areas of discipleship. All of them are essential. You are also asked to bring your 2010 financial commitment to be dedicated at one of those services.

The booklets will be available at the worship gatherings the weekend of October 17 and 18. Volunteers will be in the narthex to help you find yours. If you will pick yours up that weekend, you help save on postage! The booklets not picked up that weekend will be mailed October 19.

What if.... On October 22 every member of First Church started prayerfully considering these reflections each day for 30 days? And what if ....we each renewed our commitment to pray, attend, give, serve, and witness?

## The Tapestry

On Saturday, October 24, join us for a one-day Women's Ministry learning event where we will explore how we come into God's presence through different life situations and experiences.

The event will be at FUMC in room 117. The day will begin at 8:30am for registration. The program will be from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The cost is \$10 which includes lunch. Register for the event at the table in the narthex. Contact the church office at 229-8108 for more information.

## HEARTS AND HANDS

### HEALTH CONCERNS

Alice Atkinson	Mark Batulis
Nancy Campbell	Bernie Dietrich
Vern Hinkle	Dovie Lanos
Irene Ray	Eric Schroeder
Shari Sullivan	Tyler Trent
Bob Turner	
Lucille Welden	
Jim and Jenny Floyd	
Dana Showers, Marcia Lesan's sister	
Doug Jones, Becky Leath's son	
Ellie White, Gary and Kathe White's granddaughter	
Jack Bettis, Roy and Linda Roberts' grandson	
John and Grace Whipple, Mary Derrington's parents	
Mike Petty, Joan Petty's son	
Roy and Laurine Davis, Glen Davis' parents	
Sylvia Brown, Heather Mangan's grandmother	
Ann Hudson, wife of retired pastor Rev. Herman Hudson	
Rev. Kenneth Royar, Anne Kerber's father	
Kasi Copenhaver, Jack and Hazel Quinn's granddaughter	

### OTHER CONCERNS

Jesse Ramos, Allen and Jody Fails' friend, is stationed with the Army at Camp Cupcake, Iraq, and will miss the birth of his daughter in two weeks

People in Metro Manila, Philippines, who were victims of typhoon Ketsana

All those affected by the recent earthquake, typhoon and tsunami

All those struggling with finances, job loss, and health issues

Financial concerns of our church

### SYMPATHY

to Joyce Maggard and family on the death of her nephew, Ray Maggard, on September 7

to Cindy Vanderfeltz and family on the death of her mother, Nancy Sue Abel, on September 28

to George Rea and family on the death of his son-in-law, Joe Burgoyne, on September 30

To Lynn and Zoe Soendker and family on the death of Zoe's grandmother, on October 3

### JOYS

Ryan Soendker (U.S. Army in Iraq) is due home in New York on October 12

Umbrellas and Jackets! Shelter and Protection! Please help Hearts and Hands provide shelter and protection in the form of jackets/coats and umbrellas to be donated to the women and children at Newhouse and the Sojourners (homeless) program at Grand Avenue Temple. All sizes are needed (women, children and men). New or gently used items are appreciated. Gently used items should be clean and in good repair. Please place your donations in the Hearts and Hands bin inside the coat closet, or on hangers in a plastic cleaner's bag clearly marked for Hearts and Hands. Items will be collected through October 25.

## FESTIVAL OF SHARING

**October 17, 2009**

It is that time of year again. Fall is upon us and we all have begun those activities that keep everyone so busy.

As you are running errands or doing your weekly shopping, please remember to purchase a few extra items. Once again First United is putting together DENTAL KITS for the annual Festival of Sharing, Saturday, October 17, in Sedalia.

Dental Kits include:

4-6 soft toothbrushes (include 2 child size) \*unopened packages only

1 dental floss - any size

1 fluoride toothpaste (6 ounces or larger)

Place items inside a **1 - gallon zip-lock bag.**

We will be collecting the kits in the narthex through the weekend of October 10-11. We collected almost 150 kits last year. **Let's make this the best collection year yet.**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION FOR MAKING THIS ANOTHER FIRST UNITED SUCCESS.**

## Moms Group

You are invited to join moms in a meeting on Sunday, November 1, at noon in room 112.

### Money-Saving Shoppportunities

We will discuss ways to slash your bill on groceries and household products using coupons, sales, and store rewards programs. Not only will these strategies have you spending less, but will allow you to build a stockpile for your family so that you'll never have to pay full price again!

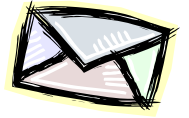
The **Widows Support Group** will meet for lunch on October 21 at the Country Club of Blue Springs at 10:30. For information call Joyce at 229-1300 or Carol at 229-9753.

### Computer Monitors

The office has six 15" and 17" computer monitors in great working condition that we no longer need. If you have a need for a replacement monitor at home or at work, please call and take one. These are full-size monitors, not flat panels.

### 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 will be placed in your nametag slot for you to pick up.



### Cancer Support Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm in room 100. The next meeting will be November 4. This support group is for anyone who has or has had this disease. For information about any activity at First UMC, call the office at 229-8108.

The **Council on Ministries** is scheduled to meet on Monday, October 12, 2009, at 7:00 pm in room 103.

### FUMC Job Club Meets

The group meets at 7:00pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month in room 103. The club has been organized to provide encouragement and support to individuals actively seeking new employment opportunities. Our club is one of only four clubs in eastern Jackson County offering support for displaced workers or the underemployed. If you know of anyone currently seeking new employment opportunities, please encourage them to attend. For additional information contact Randy Williams, 308-3993, or by e-mail at [randygw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:randygw@sbcglobal.net).



## CELEBRATE AMERICA DANCE

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:00 – 11:00pm

**SPONSORED BY THE INDEPENDENTS SINGLES MINISTRY**

[www.firstumcbs.org/singles.asp](http://www.firstumcbs.org/singles.asp)

**BLUE SPRINGS FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

In the new and **IMPROVED** Family Life Center

**ADMISSION: \$10 PER PERSON**

**(ALL VETERANS AND ACTIVE SERVICE RECEIVE \$2 OFF ADMISSION)**

**LIGHT SNACKS AND DRINKS (NONALCOHOLIC) WILL BE PROVIDED**

**MUSIC BY CARL THE DJ**

**\*\*We will be collecting lip balm for the troops!\*\***

**FOR QUESTIONS, CONTACT DIANNA 816-252-4751**





## Trunk or Treat—

October 31

4:30-5:15pm

Parking lot at the far west end

## GREAT GRAPE! IT'S A PURPLE PARTY

All 2nd-5th graders are invited to the Great Grape party on Sunday, October 25, from 4:00-5:00pm. Be sure to wear something purple and bring your friends. Party will begin in room 109.



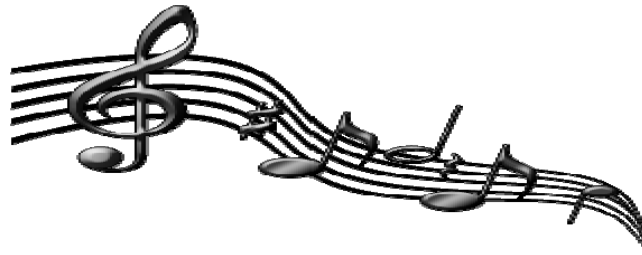
# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

## POWER PRAISE-CHIME CHOIR-PUPPETS

The music is back!

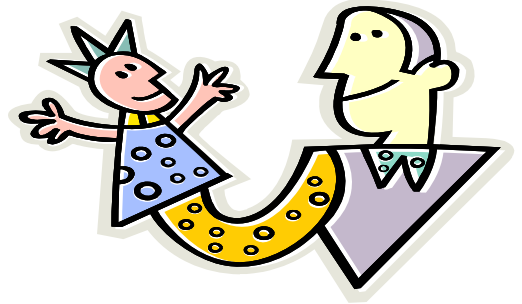
**Power Praise Choir** practices in room 100 from 10:10-10:30am every Sunday morning for children 2nd-5th grade. It is under the direction of Libbie Kaufman.

**Chime Choir** practices at 10:45am this Sunday, October 11, and meets every other Sunday in the bell room. Chime Choir is being led by Kyle Alberg.



### Puppets

If you like to perform but too embarrassed to get in front of anyone, then puppets is your home. Puppets perform for Children's Christmas Eve service and work will begin soon. Puppets meet every other Sunday (opposite of Chime Choir) at the 10:45 hour. Next meeting will be October 18 in room 102.



Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and multiple blessings provided by these special people.

It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

A Basket will be located in the narthex during October for anyone who is interested in dropping off a note or a card for our pastors.

Blessings from your Staff/Parish Relations Committee

# 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!

5:30-5:45pm Dinner 10/11 Spaghetti, 10/18 Chicken Strips  
 5:45-6:15pm Team meetings  
 6:15-7:00pm Mid-high and Senior high groups meet  
 7:00-7:30pm Games and fellowship

**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.



### Sunday Night Youth New Time- 5:30-7:30pm.

#### Mission Recognition Weekend

The weekend of October 10 and 11 will be a focus on the total missions programs of our church. Rev. Karen will highlight the youth mission trips of this past summer during her sermon. Jack will have displays of the youth trips with pictures. Youth who went on the trips are invited to bring their own pictures and are encouraged to attend church and wear their mission t-shirts.

### Join us for CROP Walk 2009

Sunday, October 11, at Loose Park  
 Leave church at 12:30pm and return in time for Youth Group

For the 2nd year, FUMC Youth are participating and accepting donations for CROP Walk. This year's theme is Enough For All, and we will once again be asking for volunteers to walk and to donate money toward this wonderful cause. The money collected goes to fight hunger locally, statewide, nationally and worldwide. We will have a table set up in the narthex October 11 to accept donations from the congregation. A sign-up sheet will also be located in the narthex if you want to participate. You can sign up and pay your money on Sunday night at youth. You can also email Linda Kaufman and sign up that way- but money needs to be paid before we leave on October 11 for the walk.

Our youth offering on Sunday night will go toward this project. Hope you can join us!

## Worlds Of Fun Friday Fright Night! Friday, October 23 5:30pm - midnight

\$23.50 for ages 18 and under; \$25 for adults MUST BE PRE-PAID by October 18

We need to have a minimum of 15 youth to do this! Everyone must have a current permission slip/information sheet on file. Friends are invited! We need adults too!

This is a frightfully fun evening of rides and haunted houses. Check out the website to see what rides are open during Fright Nights. Haunted areas are everywhere! <http://haunt.worldsoffun.com/>

## October 3-4, 2009

### Giving

General Fund ..... \$16,967  
 (needed) ..... \$16,535  
 Giving to date ..... \$598,361  
 Budget to date ..... \$661,360  
 2009 Budget ..... \$859,783  
 % of budget Received ..... 69.6

### Building Fund

Building Fund ..... \$2,988  
 (needed) ..... \$6,812  
 3-year Goal ..... \$1,062,703  
 % of Goal Received ..... 24.5  
 % of Campaign Complete ..... 25.6  
 Designated Giving ..... \$2,775

### Worship Attendance

Worship ..... 455  
 Sunday School  
     Children ..... 46  
     Youth ..... 24  
     Adults ..... 102  
     **Totals** ..... 172  
 Sunday Youth Activity ..... 24



Date	Time	Place
<b>Sunday, October 11</b>		
Children's Chime Choir	10:45am	154
Independents Advisory Board Meeting	Noon	112
<b>CROP Walk at Loose Park</b>	12:30pm	Off Site
Youth Dinner	5:30	117
Youth Evening Activities	5:45	016
<b>Monday, October 12</b>		
Rebuilding Relationships Meeting	6:30pm	011
Council On Ministries	7:00	103
<b>Tuesday, October 13</b>		
Stephen Ministry Peer Group	7:00pm	Office
Costa Rica Reverse Mission Trip Mtg.	7:00	103
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00	MPR
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
<b>Wednesday Fellowship Dinner</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>	<b>117</b>
Glory Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	5:30	154
Spirit Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	6:30	154
Cancer Support Group	6:30	100
<b>Wesleyan Traditions—Rev. Karen</b>	6:30	011
<b>New Member Orientation—Rev. Steve</b>	6:30	112
Confirmation Class 2009	6:30	013
Crafts/Prayer Shawls	7:00	103
Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7:30	150
Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	7:30	154
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>		
Open Gym	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Friday, October 16</b>		
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Confirmation Retreat at Wilderness	5:30pm	Off Site
Portz/Buchholz wedding Rehearsal	6:30	Sanctuary
Portz/Buchholz Rehearsal Dinner	7:00	Narthex
Adult Volleyball	7:00	MPR
<b>Saturday, October 17</b>		
Confirmation Retreat at Wilderness		Off Site
<b>FESTIVAL OF SHARING</b>		<b>Sedalia, MO</b>
Portz/Buchholz Wedding	3:00pm	Sanctuary
Worship Service	5:30	Sanctuary
<b>Sunday, October 18</b>		
Puppets	10:45am	102
<b>Monday, October 19</b>		
Rebuilding Relationships Meeting	6:30pm	011
Vesper Voices Rehearsal	7:00	150
Finance Committee Meeting	7:00	Office
<b>Tuesday, October 20</b>		
Independents Singles Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
Job Club Meeting	7:00	103
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>		
Pastors Lectionary Group	8:00am	103
<b>Come to the Well</b>		
Youth Arts and Crafts Night	6:30pm	013
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>		
Hearts and Hands Circle	6:30pm	112
Open Gym	7:00	MPR
<b>Friday, October 23</b>		
Joy Ringers Handbell Rehearsal	9:30am	154
Adult Volleyball	7:00pm	MPR
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>		
All-Church Cleanup Day	9:00am	Everywhere
Worship Service	5:30pm	Sanctuary

## October 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	31

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY		
Noon	Men Of Praise Choir Rehearsal	150
1:00pm	Psalm 150 Jazz Band Rehearsal	150
3:00	Crossover Rehearsal	Sanctuary
5:30	Youth Dinner	117
5:45	Youth Team Meetings	015/016
6:15	Youth Breakout Meetings	015/016
7:00	Youth Games and Fellowship	MPR
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
8:00am	Morning Prayer Group	100
7:00pm	Single Adult Volleyball	MPR
WEDNESDAY		
8:00am	Pastors Lectionary Group	103
5:15pm	Wednesday Fellowship Dinner	117
5:30	Glory Ringers	154
6:30	Spirit Ringers	154
6:30	New Member Orientation—Rev. Steve	112
6:30	Wesleyan Traditions—Rev. Karen	011
6:30	Confirmation Class 2009	013
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

### 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

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>

**October 7, 2009**

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## Men of Praise

Pictured are the Men of Praise Choir with Pastor Curt Wilhelmssen at Millville UMC. Curt is pastor at Millville UMC and New Hope UMC. Curt was a lay leader at FUMC and Sandi worked in the church office and they still hold their membership with FUMC. The Men of Praise shared a worship service of music for both of Curt's congregations. These two small churches are an hour's drive from Blue Springs.

### Men of Praise Winter Schedule

The Men of Praise is an all-male choir singing a variety of music as an outreach ministry of music representing FUMC.

November 21 and 22 – FUMC (all services)

December 6 – Barbara Landes Performing Arts Center  
1:30pm—Caroling before the "Spirit of Caring" Concert

December 12 – Powell Gardens 5:00–7:30—Marjorie Powell Chapel (overlooking pond) Gardens by Candlelight: A Luminary Walk

December 13 – FUMC Christmas Concert – 4:30

January 9 – Lansing State Prison Concert *Note: Attendance limited to Men of Praise members, Lansing State Prison Tower Choir, and Lansing State prisoners.*

